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## OIC hails Amir's proposal on economic co-operation

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 4, (KUNA): Islamic foreign ministers hailed today a proposal by HH the Amir of Kuwait on closer co-operation between rich and poor countries and easing economic hardships in developing countries.

A communiqué of the co-ordinating meeting of foreign ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) said "the meeting took note with satisfaction" of the three-point proposal contained in an address before the UN General Assembly last Wednesday by the Amir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah.

The OIC meeting took place last Thursday but the document was issued today only.

The Amir's proposal calls for the waiver of interest due on all loans, reconsidertion by international financial institutions of their stringent conditions for development aid, and the expansion and regulation of scientific and technical aid from wealthier to poorer countries.

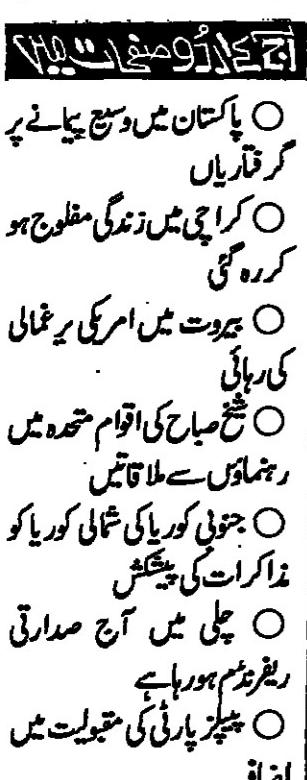
### Support

"The meeting expressed its full support for the proposal and considered it as an important and positive contribution to improve the situation of the debtor nations," the communiqué said.

On the situation in the Arabian Gulf, the meeting expressed relief and satisfaction at the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran and expressed hope that the UN sponsored talks for the full implementation of Resolution 598 and a comprehensive settlement would be successful and enable both sides "to turn their energies toward the urgent and gigantic task of the reconstruction of their economies which had been ravaged by the war."

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## WEATHER

TEMPERATURE will be above normal with light south-easterly to variable winds.  
State of sea: slight  
High water: 9.30 pm  
Low water: 2.45 pm  
Sunrise: 5.43 am  
Sunset: 5.29 pm  
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## Sabah reviews Gulf situation in talks with Shultz

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 4, (KUNA): Kuwait's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed met yesterday with US Secretary of State George P. Shultz to discuss the situation in the Arabian Gulf and the Middle East peace process, State Department spokesman Charles Redman said yesterday.

Redman told reporters after meetings between Shultz and a number of Arab foreign ministers, the meeting with Sheikh Sabah involved a review of the situation in the Gulf.

"We have a very good record of co-operation with Kuwait, and both sides expressed continued resolve to continue that kind of co-operation. It's paid off, it's worked," he said.

### Encourage

The United States and Kuwait encourage both Iraq and Iran to implement Resolution 598 to bring this matter to a conclusion, Redman said.

Shultz and Sheikh Sabah also discussed the peace process and the refugee problem in Afghanistan, he said.

Shultz also met with Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammad Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa of Bahrain, a country with which

Redman said the US has a "very good relationship."

"It's been working very well, and both sides expressed their satisfaction with it and want this co-operation to continue in the region," he said.

During a working breakfast meeting with Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid, Shultz discussed the Middle East peace process and recent developments and contacts both men had.

"Without question there is a common agreement there that we need to keep the peace process in motion, and keep some momentum behind it, and both countries are committed to doing that," Redman said.

### Satisfaction

In the meeting with Jordanian Foreign Minister Tareq Al Masri, Redman said the two subjects were the peace process and Lebanon, Redman said.

Discussing the meeting with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saudi Al Faisal, Redman said Shultz expressed his government's satisfaction over Saudi Arabia's decision yesterday to join the 136 other states that have signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

The official statement made by Shultz reads as follows:

"The United States is extremely pleased that Saudi Arabia has joined the community of nations embraced by the treaty."

"With its accession to the treaty today, Saudi Arabia is strengthening the global non-proliferation regime and demonstrating its peaceful intentions in the region," he said.

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"We welcome Saudi Arabia's decision to accede to the NPT and hope that all states which have not yet joined will decide to do so."

Asked if the US is exerting any pressure on Israel, the only state in the region that has not acceded to the NPT, Redman said the position by the US is universal.

"We encourage all countries to join," he said.

Regarding the meeting with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz, Redman said the two subjects were the current talks aimed at implementing Resolution 598 and the question of chemical weapons.

### Declined

Redman declined to discuss the report presented by Aziz, saying the US is not the mediator and will leave it to the United Nations and the two parties to come forward with their interpretation of the talks.

But he said the US supports

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### As ethnic violence increases

## Magistrate gunned down in Pakistan

HYDERABAD, Oct. 4, (Agencies): A magistrate was gunned down at his home today as ethnic violence increased in Hyderabad, a government official said.

At least 270 people have been killed in the southern city and the country's largest city, Karachi, in five days of bloody clashes between Indian immigrants called Mohajirs and Sindhi separatists seeking independence for the southern Sind province.

Najib Piracha, deputy-commissioner of Hyderabad, said a Sindhi magistrate was waiting for a taxi when an identified gunman opened fire.

### Arrested

Meanwhile, police have detained about 150 people in their investigation of the bloodiest ethnic violence in the country's history, the official Pakistan Times reported.

The newspaper said foreign nationals were among those arrested, but they were not identified.

Last Friday, gunmen in about 10 vehicles sprayed Hyderabad homes, marketplaces, offices and schools, killing 148 people, according to official figures. The majority of the dead were Mohajirs. Retaliatory rioting in Karachi, 100 miles (160 kilometers) to the south, has killed about 60, mostly Sindhis. The Army has been patrolling

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both cities in armoured personnel carriers. A partial curfew is in effect in Karachi, a city of about eight million.

Hyderabad's Mohajir mayor, Aftab Sheikh, dismissed official death figures, saying last Friday's rampage left 250 people dead.

A curfew, clamped on the city after the shooting spree, has remained in effect except for periodic lapses to give residents a chance to buy food.

Eight people died yesterday

and seven were injured today during curfew breaks, government officials said. The magistrate's death came during the curfew.

Army commandos will be drafted in to combat ethnic violence, acting President Ghulam Jshaq Said said today.

Sharpeshooters

He told reporters police sharpshooters would also be stationed in watchtowers to be set up in cities in the volatile province of Sind.

The commandos would replace regular troops, he said, adding that police checkpoints would be set up to control people entering towns and cities.

Ishaq Khan, speaking during a one-day visit to the Baluchistan provincial capital of Quetta, repeated assurances that the Sindhi riots would not delay national elections due in November.

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### Syria committed to Lebanese unity

## Gemayel's forces surrender to Geagea

BEIRUT, Oct. 4, (Agencies): Former President Amin Gemayel's private army surrendered to rightwing militia chief Samir Geagea, consolidating Geagea's control of Lebanon's Christian enclave, police reported today.

A police spokesman said Gemayel's 3,500 supporters joined the Lebanese Forces. The Christian force is now unified under the Lebanese Forces command, said the spokesman, who refused to be named.

Syrian forces and allied leftist and Muslim militiamen ring the 1,000-square-kilometre Christian enclave which is defended by the Lebanese Forces and Christian units of the Lebanese Army numbering about 15,000 men commanded by Gen. Michel Aoun, Christian commander of Lebanese Armed Forces. Many of Aoun's men are loyal to Geagea.

The move followed a threat

from Geagea to Gemayel's men to surrender or face attack from the 6,000-strong Lebanese Forces militia, said the spokesman.

A Lebanese Forces spokesman confirmed the report, describing the move as a "bloodless operation."

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About 18,000 Muslim troops of the Lebanese Army are based outside the Christian area and have pledged allegiance to Muslim Prime Minister Selim Hoss.

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## INTERNATIONAL

# Israel cannot have both land and peace: Jordan

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 4. (Reuter): Jordan said yesterday Israel could not have both land and peace and its security would not come from occupying territory or creating defensible borders.

"It is genuine peace with the Arabs that will ensure its future and provide it with security," Jordanian Foreign Minister Taher Masri said in a speech to the General Assembly.

He called for new thinking by the Israeli leadership and its acceptance of an international peace conference as the only way to comprehensive, just and lasting settlement.

The pretenses advanced by Israel, such as its fear of the possibility of bringing upon itself international pressures which

would place its security in danger, have no truthful basis since one of the key goals of the conference is to overcome mutual suspicion by guaranteeing the security of all, a security that neither of the parties can achieve at the expense of the other.

### Secure

"Failing that, we see no secure future for Israel until it withdraws from the occupied territories," Masri said.

"It cannot have both land and peace, and its security will not come from occupying territory or creating defensible borders."

The Jordanian Minister said the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza had demonstrated the falsity of Israeli claims that those areas

were essential to its security. Israel had created for itself a security impasse by persisting in its occupation and attempting to subject the Palestinian people by force, he added.

### Action

Masri said the Security Council was "an effective instrument of pressure and action" for convening the international peace conference, which should take place as soon as possible, given the gravity of the situation surrounding the Palestinian uprising.

That also required the council to be in the highest state of alert to "face its responsibility to adopt immediate measures to protect the civilian population," he added.

### Proposed

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is to treat a genetic disease by replacing a defective or missing gene that causes an inherited illness.

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would use many of the same techniques.

The advisory committee yesterday voted 16-5 in favour of proposal to inject genetically altered cells into patients to determine how well a certain form of cancer therapy is working.

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State security officials identified the three as members of the near-defunct left-wing urban guerrilla movement known as Grapo, the Spanish acronym for October First anti-fascist resistance groups.

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Due to the split in the vote, a decision from Wyngaarden "will probably take a couple of months," Garland said. "The NIH director will probably want to know why those five voted against it."

The main concern for those who opposed the experiment, he said, was "what they're using is a virus to infect the patients' cells and put the marker in the patients' cells."

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## Experiment with genetically altered cells recommended

WASHINGTON, Oct 4. (AP): In what could be a major step toward gene therapy, a federal advisory board recommended that researchers be allowed for the first time to inject genetically altered cells into human patients.

"If this protocol were to work,

I'd expect that within six to 12 months there could be a proposal to do a gene therapy experiment," said Dr William J. Garland, the executive secretary of the recombinant DNA advisory committee to the National Institutes of Health.

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180 were rounded up during a protest march last month from the city of Valparaiso to Santiago.

Three people have since been reported killed and 102 wounded, most in clashes between police and opponents of the 72-year-old general.

### Attacks

An Americas Watch statement noted "continued attacks on persons opposed to the government, on residents of poor neighbourhoods and on opposition headquarters in several areas." The Chilean church's Vicariate of Solidarity complained last week that police were stepping up repression.

Most death threats have been

conveyed by anonymous tele-

phone callers, but Bishop Camus of the southern city of Linares received a letter last month saying he would be burnt to death in his home. The bishop is viewed by government supporters as a sympathetic with Chile's militant left.

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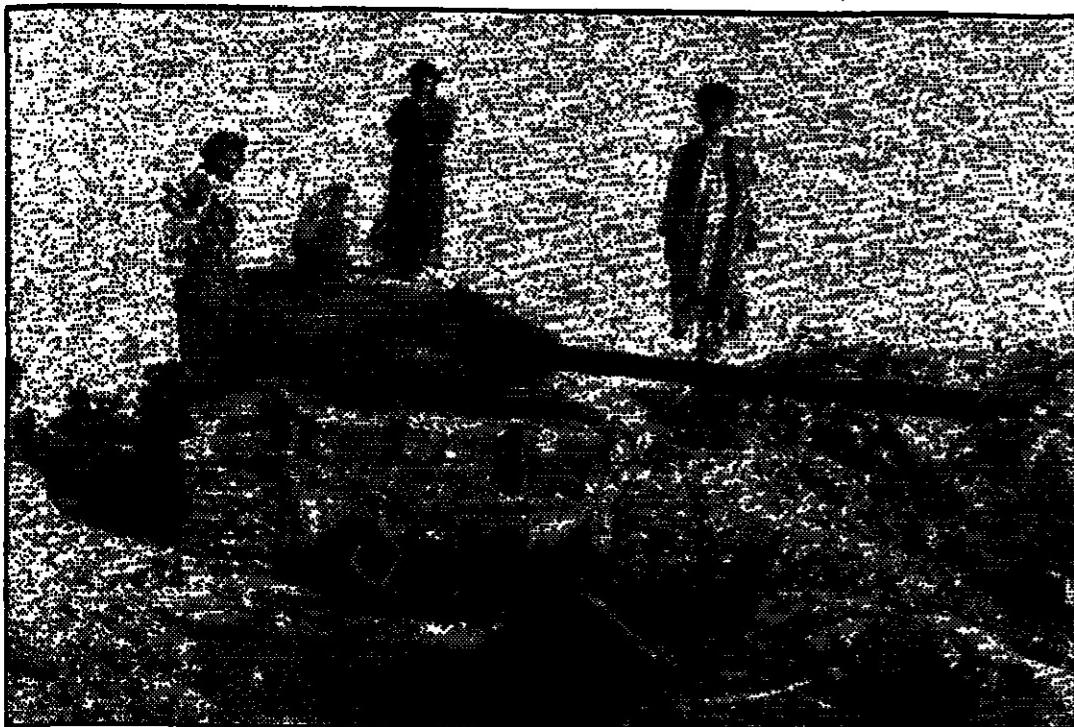
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Members of a mujahideen group stand atop a tank captured near a government post northwest of Kandahar. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Rebels launch rocket attack

## 13 killed in Kandahar

ISLAMABAD, Oct 4. (AP): Thirteen people died on the weekend in a rocket attack on the southern Afghan city of Kandahar launched by Muslim guerrillas, Radio Kabul reported.

A military correspondent with the official Afghan Bakhtar news agency said another 22 people were injured in the attack on residential areas by "criminal opposition elements," said the radio report, monitored here. It did not give the precise date of the attack.

Soviet troops left Kandahar Aug 15 as part of a complete pullout to be completed Feb 15, under terms of a UN-brokered accord signed in May by the Soviets, Pakistan, the United States and Afghanistan. Before the start of the pullout, the Soviets had more than 100,000 troops in the country to help counter an anti-communist insurgency.

Soviets and Afghans complain of repeated violations of the UN

accord by Pakistan, accusing it of harbouring and arming the guerrillas.

Pakistan, in turn, charges the Soviet-backed Afghan government with violating its airspace more than 150 times, often dropping bombs, since the signing of the agreement.

Both sides deny breaking the pact.

In the latest such accusation, the Afghan government lodged a complaint with Pakistan's representative in the Afghan capital charging Pakistan with unspecified participation in a guerrilla attack on Asadabad, in the northeastern province of Kumar, Radio Kabul reported.

**Espionage**

Eight people died in the attack Friday, the broadcast said.

Meanwhile, Kabul has accused two West German medical personnel of espionage for illegally entering the country. The two were captured by Afghan troops last month.

In the Pakistan border city of

Peshawar, resistance sources said a Japanese woman photographer was killed in a land mine explosion while travelling with rebels near the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad.

The sources said Nao Ko Nanjo, 30, a freelance photographer, died Sunday during fighting between the guerrillas and Afghan troops for control of a stretch of highway between Jalalabad and Kabul. Two rebels also died in the explosion, but a Japanese colleague, identified as Koichi Shiroiwa, escaped unharmed.

The journalist was on her third trip to Afghanistan with the guerrillas, the sources said. They said her body has not yet been brought out of the country.

A Pakistani journalist was killed in June when Afghan troops attacked his guerrilla escort near the southern city of Kandahar. Two Americans filming a documentary on the war died last year in an ambush a few miles from Kabul.

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## Sudan rebels attack relief convoys

WASHINGTON, Oct 4. (AP): Rebels against the government of Sudan have attacked aid shipments, reversing a previous policy of letting them go through, the US State Department said.

"We deplore these outrageous actions which target trucks and planes that are undertaking humanitarian missions," said deputy spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley.

She added that arrangements are being made for the US Agency for International Development (AID) to provide \$1.5 million to the Sudan government's relief and rehabilitation commission.

A US team has been sent to help the government of Sudan and other donors to work out a plan to meet the area's needs.

The Sudan lies directly south of Egypt, projecting into central Africa. Christian and other guerrillas in the area have been fighting since 1983 against the government in Khartoum.

Last month, Mauris Lawya, the governor of Equatoria province, said a convoy of 912 trucks bound for Juba under Army escort had to return to Yie-

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## Five firms to submit university project designs

FIVE international consulting companies have been selected by Kuwait University to submit designs for the University City project in the Shidadiya area, according to a local daily.

The firm which is awarded the contract will execute the project in co-operation with Kuwait University. The state allocated KD2 million for the design of the project. This amount will be covered by the University's budget for 1988-1989 and 1989-1990. The total cost of the project is estimated at KD168 million.

### Revised

The project is to be completed in two stages — the first costing KD100 million and the other KD68 million.

The project is expected to meet the demands of academic education in Kuwait well into the beginning of the next century.

In the interim, the office of the assistant rector for planning at

the University revised plans to improve existing facilities and to build new installations and buildings in different faculties.

The office submitted its construction programme alongwith a five-year plan to the Ministry of Finance to finance them for the fiscal year 1988-89.

### Maintenance

According to preliminary estimates, the plan will cost KD140 million. Fifty-seven per cent of that amount will be allocated to buildings in Shidadiya; 26 per cent will be spent in Khaldiya; 9 per cent in Jabiya; 4 per cent in Adiliya and the remaining 4 per cent will be allocated to Keifan.

Seventy per cent of the funds will be spent on new buildings, with the maintenance of present utilities and buildings taking up the remaining 30 per cent.

Nine projects which will cost

about KD8 million will be completed during the fiscal year.

The University will also start 14 other projects which will cost about KD24 million and design 27 other projects at a total cost of KD80 million during this fiscal year. Additionally, the University contracted with several companies to carry out 40 maintenance projects which will cost about KD1 million. Thirty of these projects have already been completed.

A report dated Sept 1 said there have been delays in completing University construction projects. The report blamed lack of technical manpower coupled with government red-tape and bureaucracy for the delays.

Relevant ministers decided to give these projects priority. A team headed by the Minister of Public Works will supervise projects which are expected to be completed during this fiscal year.

## Yemens moving toward unity, minister says

KUWAIT, Oct 4. (KUNA): Democratic Republic of Yemen Foreign Minister Abdul Aziz Al Dali was quoted here today as saying that important steps have been taken toward unifying the two Yemens.

In an interview with a Kuwaiti daily, published here today, Al Dali said the unitary agreement, signed between the two countries last May defined the "shape and nature" of relations between the two Yemens, pointing to free movements of citizens with identity cards and joint utilisation of oil.

Al Dali said he hopes that a plenary meeting between the countries' leaders will take place in the near future to step up political and economic unification efforts.

Commenting on a reported dispute between his country and Syria and Democratic Yemen's efforts to strengthen relations with Iraq, Al Dali said there is no link between Aden's relationship with Iraq and any other Arab country.

"Our relations with both Iraq and Syria are very good. Aden is seeking to promote its relations



Al Dali

with all Arab countries without any exceptions," he said.

Al Dali said his country is against dividing Lebanon, indicating that foreign circles which he did not name are interested in dividing the country to weaken the Palestinian struggle in the occupied territories.

He called for a unified Arab attitude to stop what he called Arab deterioration.

## KFAS to grant award for excellence

KUWAIT, Oct 4. (KUNA): At HH the Amir's initiative, the Kuwait Foundation of the Advancement of Science (KFAS) has announced a new award for scientific excellence for Kuwaiti researchers with doctorate degrees in any field.

A KFAS press release said that the initiative by the Amir, who is also the foundation's board chairman, is a way to spread a constructive competitive spirit among Kuwaiti researchers.

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## University makes partial payments to contractors

BAHRAIN, Oct 4. (Reuters): Contractors owed around 12 million dinars (\$32 million) by the financially strapped Arabian Gulf University have received their first payments in more than two years, Bahrain industry sources said today.

They said at least three of the four main companies which built the 41-million-dinar (\$109-million) campus in Bahrain — the only one of its kind in the Gulf — received installments of up to 130,000 dinars (\$345,000) last week.

But the sources said further assurance was needed of the university's ability to meet its debts to the South Korean firm, Daelim Industrial Co., a Taiwanese company, Reit Ser Engineering Agency, the United Arab Emirates-Australian venture, Al Habtoor Leighton, and

Saudi Arabia's Rabya Landscaping Ltd.

A spokesman for Daelim Industrial Co. which says it is still owed around 5.5 million dinars (\$14.6 million), said: "This is only a very small amount. It is an encouraging sign, but the main problem is still unsolved."

Jemil Ali Ibrahim, Bahrain coordinator for the contractors, said they will soon meet the university's new president Dr Ibrahim Al Hashemi and Bahrain's Education Minister Dr Ali Fakhroo to try to work out ways of getting the rest of the cash.

"I hope the current difficulties which the university is facing will be incentives to double our efforts," Hashemi said in a statement published in the Bahrain Arabic-language daily, Akbar Al Khaleej.

The economies of the institution's seven founder states have been hard hit by falling oil prices. Only two, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, have fully met their financial commitment to the project, according to the university's outgoing president.

Fifty per cent of the project cost is allocated equally between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, 21 per cent to Iraq, 15 per cent to the United Arab Emirates, 9 per cent to Qatar and 2.5 per cent each to Bahrain and Oman.

The outgoing president, Dr Mahmoud Al Safar, said last week 40 per cent of the 350 students at the campus were asked to pay tuition fees as part of a drive to raise funds.

The original plan for the campus, built to accommodate 5,000 students from the region, was for free education.

## GCC demand for Japanese vehicles drops

DEMAND for Japanese vehicles in GCC countries has dropped drastically during the last few years, the deputy chairman of the Japanese Mitsubishi company has been quoted as saying.

In an interview with the Dubai-based Al Bayan newspaper, the Japanese official said that demand has fallen to about 150,000 to 200,000 cars per annum. In the Saudi market alone about 40,000 cars were bought per annum in the 70's and early 80's.

However, he confirmed the importance of Middle East market for Japanese vehicles, which still represents 10 per cent of export sales.

Meanwhile, the official denied that the specifications of the vehicles exported to Middle East countries are different to those of vehicles exported to Europe and the USA.

## Kuwait ships aid to Sudan

KUWAIT, Oct 4. (KUNA): A special vessel laden with relief aid left here today for flood-stricken Sudan in accordance with instructions of HH the Amir.

The foodstuffs, medicine, tents and blankets were shipped in addition to similar aid from Kuwait sent to Sudan via Air Force planes.

The ship also carries material donations extended by citizens through non-profit and charity organisations in Kuwait.

## French school fees increased

THE Ministry of Education has completed a study on the structure of fee hikes at the French school as of this academic year, a reliable source said.

The decision to hike the fees is expected to be approved by the minister of education within the coming few days.

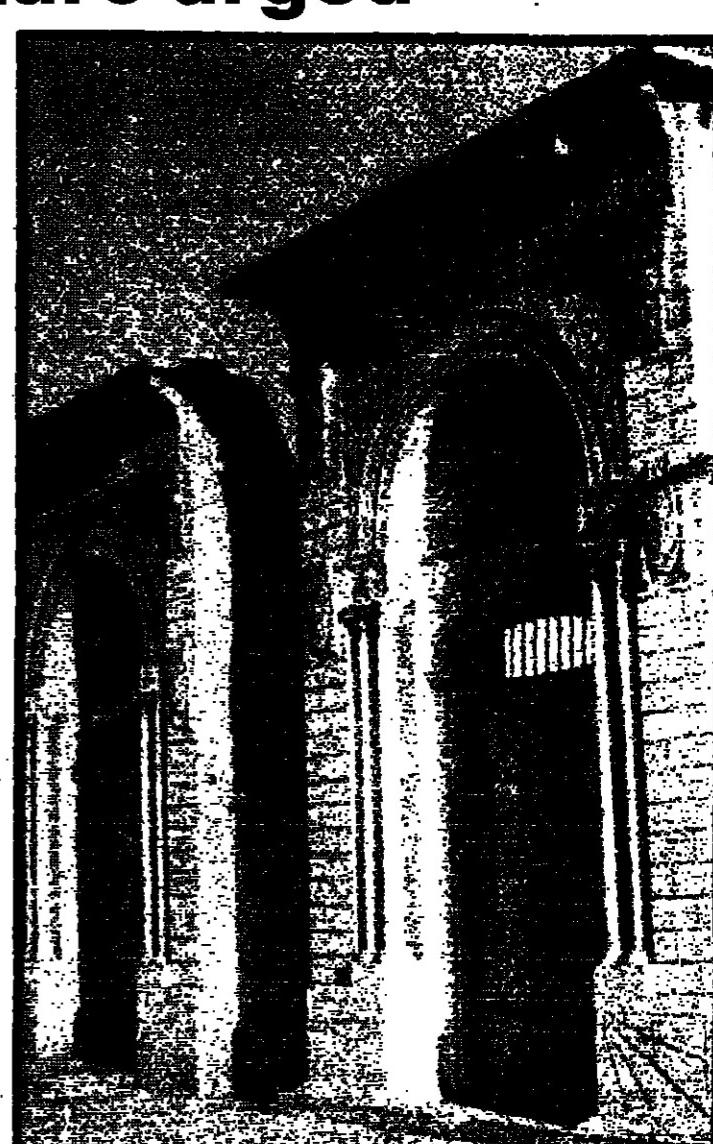
The source said that kindergarten fees will be KD575 beginning this year, compared to KD515 last year. Fees of the primary sections will increase from KD800 to KD980, intermediate stage fees will go up from

KD855 to KD1,085 and secondary fees will increase from KD975 to KD1,190. There is also a special fee of KD25 to be paid for each student.

The Ministry of Education decided to hike fees of private schools this year in varying percentages, as high as 15 per cent in foreign schools.

However, the French school was not affected by this hike. The new decision to apply the hike in fees to the French school is meant to bring about a parity in school fees, the source said.

## Preservation of Arabian architecture urged



ARABIAN architecture, such as old Kuwaiti houses, are a source of historical pride and should be well preserved, says Sheikha Hessah Sabah Al Salem, the director of the Islamic Monuments House.

"It is important to realise that these houses are a part of our heritage and it is sad to see them deteriorate and disappear with time," she said.

Old houses could be changed into cultural centres and art galleries to benefit the public, and efforts should be made to restore them, she said.

The director said that 12 old houses have been preserved by the government. However, 122 others may be demolished. Sheikh Khazaal's house used to be Kuwait's old museum — now it is empty and seems dead, she said.

**Guidelines**

Sheikha Hessah called upon youths to restore monuments because it would be an enriching experience.

Dr Sulaiman Al Askari, assistant general secretary of the National Culture, Arts and Literature Council says that the preservation of Kuwait's architectural heritage should be seriously pursued.

Decisions to remove historical monuments should be made by the municipality acting within guidelines of a law designed to deal with this problem, he said.

Further, he said, the National Council is keen to change old houses into cultural centres; depending on their historical value and their relationship with historical events.

### Responsible

The Sharqya School was the first school established in Kuwait and is well located and linked to the coast. The council met recently to discuss restoring the building into a complete cultural centre, he said.

Dr Al Askari pointed out that the council asked Kuwait Municipality to restore one of the locations at Safat Square. The request was made two years ago with a suggestion to build a former arts hall.

That particular location is now the site of a restaurant with accommodation for singles, he said.

Cultural authorities should be the sole party responsible for preserving or remodeling such historical locations, he said.

Time is critical — old, weak houses are threatened by changes in the weather and may not remain intact without assistance, he said.

The council is studying the establishment of a "heritage town" in Sharq, he said. The town will give Kuwaiti youths a look at Kuwaiti history and handicrafts practised by their forefathers.

Ridah Al Matrouk, director of architectural designs at Kuwait Municipality, praised the participation of Kuwaiti youths in a study of historical artifacts.

He said it is unfortunate that in the last 30 years and with the beginning of the construction development in Kuwait, no efforts have been made towards restoring monumental sites. The sites could serve as a link between the past and the present, he added.

**Requiem Mass**  
Dominic Fernandes  
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**Test-tube baby and mother doing fine**  
THE mother of Kuwait's first test-tube baby will soon be discharged from hospital after nearly two weeks of medical attention.  
The mother, a Kuwaiti citizen, gave birth to a baby girl on Sept 27 by Caesarean section. The mother had been artificially inseminated.  
The baby was born weighing three kilos and is reported in very good health. Only relatives are permitted to visit the mother and child.

**Reduction in international calling rates**  
THE Ministry of Communications issued an official decision yesterday to reduce international call charges at the beginning of next month.

The exact percentages of the reductions have not been announced, but will vary from country to country, depending on agreements with those countries.  
The decision includes further off-peak reductions from 7 pm to 7 am, in addition to Fridays and official holidays.

The ministry also announced reductions in the charges on telegraph and telephone circuits used for press services. This service will apply to foreign news agencies, provided their countries can offer KUNA similarly reduced rates.

**Black & Decker introduces 'handy blender'**  
BLACK & Decker's Housewares Division is gradually introducing a wider range of cordless rechargeable appliances.  
Their latest addition in food preparation products is the portable blender called the "Handyblender." Company sources said it is an ideal companion on picnics, barbecues, at the pool and on desert trips.  
Black & Decker is catering to modern family needs of portable appliances.

By Brian Hollis

A BREATH of fresh air has been blowing through the Kuwait video business in the past couple of weeks. First, the new minister of information decreed the issue of new video licences, blocked since 1981, which has led to many hundreds of applications. It is expected that over 100 new shops will open for business in the next few months. Secondly, the removal of Coca Cola from the blacklist has led to the reinstatement of Columbia Pictures.

For those of you who think that this will give rise to an avalanche of wonderful movies, let me tell you the bad news — all this year's major releases from Columbia have been total or semi-box office flops, and the studio is in fact in a state of turmoil. Last year, however, it did produce a few good movies, of which the last to be released (and then withdrawn) in Kuwait was the multi-Oscar winner *The Last Emperor*. The other Columbia Oscar nominee, which did not win any awards, was *John Boorman's Hope and Glory*. This beautiful and sensitive film was obviously too autobiographical and possibly too British in content to have mass appeal around the world. Like that other Oscar nominee *Empire of the Sun*, it tells the story of a young teenager's war years, this time in the centre of London, and evidently in Boorman's memory, they must have been real fun years. The movie captures the excitement of the German bombing raids — the noise and chaos, the burning houses, and the ruins to sift through in the coming weeks — the extra freedoms due to a father absent on duty, and a mother involved in the war effort, and of course the usual teenage goings on, aided and

## VIDEO CORNER

## A breath of fresh air



Daryl Hannah stars in Roxanne.



Steve Martin in Roxanne, the new comedy that updates the classic Cyrano de Bergerac tale.

abetted by empty houses and a night-time blackout.

Columbia's biggest box office successes in 1987 were two other films — *La Bamba* and *Roxanne*.

*La Bamba* is the story of a teenage pop star, Ritchie Valens, whose main claim to fame was a number one revamp of the title song, and his own early rock 'n' roll hit 'Donna'. Valens was a poor Mexican who moved up to California when rock music exploded onto the scene in the late 50's. With his guitar and a few lucky breaks, he hit the big time at the age of sixteen, only to die one year later in the same air crash that killed Buddy Holly and the Big Bopper. Personally I regretted both the latter much more than Valens, but there is

no denying that the film *La Bamba* has great teenage appeal due to some good period rock music and dancing, as well as the sad story of another young death — better to burn out than to fade away...

*Roxanne* is Steve Martin's latest and possibly the best movie. He plays a latter day Cyrano de Bergerac (the guy with the BIG nose), who like his predecessor falls for the beautiful Roxanne, and will do everything in his power to defend her virtue. In our

updated version, Martin is in fact the local fire chief, but his romantic notions and cavalier attitude soon get him into a series of very amusing scrapes.

Enough of Columbia for one week! One star whom we still cannot see in her top rating TV series is Shelley Long, as *Cheers* is a Paramount production.

She now appears in a new comedy *Hello Again*, the story of a young woman who dies accidentally and is brought back to life by her sister. In her first life, she is married to a

stuffy plastic surgeon who spends his time in the right places with the right people. She feels very uncomfortable at the cocktail parties and gallery openings which they are expected to frequent. When she is resurrected, not only has the husband remarried her best friend, but everybody she used to know shuns her completely. The jokes are very slapstick and predictable, but apparently it was successful enough as a film to beget a new TV series of the same name, which will be coming to your screens shortly.

*Subbuteo* may not be everybody's cup of tea — in fact how many people know exactly what it is? Apparently this brand of table football claims over five million fans in 35 countries. In England teams such as Ajax, Ramsgate, Real Falkirk and Cosmopolitan Manchester battle it out yearly for the championship. *Playing For Real* is a new British mini-series, which develops the story of Patricia, who never really got on with her father, but taking over the chairmanship of his team, and with the help of her favourite player, a miniature Charlie Nicholas complete with earnings, takes on the task of winning the league. Cheating, hooliganism, crowds roaring and even choruses of 'Abide with Me', accompany this deceptively skillful game, and although the series is basically a comedy, there is some attempt to do justice to its fans. Viewers who enjoyed series such as *Tudor Frutti*, should also appreciate this one.

One other film which has made a reappearance from the blacklist is *American Graffiti*, the George Lucas/Francis Ford Coppola film which spawned the *Happy Days* series. Although filmed in 1973, this is still one of the best 'growing up in small town America' films ever made.

## Romancing the brain — rambling, messy fun

By Fathima Ahmed

"I THINK I'd like to kiss you. Would you like that?" He asks. "I'd like that very much," she coos. There is only one minor problem. "She" is a disembodied brain living in a jar. He is a brilliant brain-surgeon, trapped in a love-less marriage. No cause for panic, though. He has come prepared with all the paraphernalia — a pair of pliers, tweezers, bandages and casts — for an apparently memorable, romantic outing on the lake...

This is just one of several oddities that have in splits in *The Man With Two Brains*, an unconventional romantic triangle between a doctor, his wife and a disembodied brain living in a fishbowl. Very shaky premise indeed for a romance, but Carl Reiner's script and direction turn it into rambling, messy fun — provided you put

your brain in neutral.

The brilliant brain-surgeon Michael Hfuffurr (*emphasis on rolling r's*) falls in love with the brain after the "object" responds to his romantic ballad sung in the confines of a "lab" built in a condo. Once in love, he starts looking for a "home" for his newfound love — Ms Ulelemeey, or something to that effect.

The brain, voiced by Sissy Spacek, ...pronounces... his "verrrry" difficult name correctly, one reason the genius-doctor adores "it" because no one else could "ever say my name correctly."

It sounds silly but there are plenty of laughs, particularly in Dr Necessitator's (David Warner) lab — a seemingly impregnable, fort with walls that are not all that safe as the hapless doctor finds out after shattering one by leaning against it.

What does a man do when a

sensuous wife (Kathleen Turner) who keeps him at arm's length? Dr Hfuffurr declares his marriage "null and void" each time she delicately rejects his amorous advances. Frustrated he locks himself in his study — pushed further into the arms of the other woman — or rather the jar falls into the lap of the doctor. But when the wife wants to jump off the building, he walks precariously on falling debris from a thin ledge some eight floors high — with the woman hanging from his neck.

The next moment we see the doctor uttering sweet nothings into the ear of the — well — brain. An "object" could, certainly, not satisfy the doctor's erotic fantasies — neither does the wife. So he gets a brainwave — hunt for a "body" to transplant the brain. The "body hunt" is far more difficult than the doctor expects with zany one-liners like a snippet from a conversation in a morgue: "She

has no life, no vavoom! "Ah! she's dead you know."

Also amusing is the part about finding out the identity of the "elevator killer".

Steve Martin is gloriously funny as the doctor, fumbling, bumbling and finally, stumbling with the "brain"-turned-wife, who forgets to tell him about her most compulsive habit, into his family mansion. Kathleen Turner as the venal wife exudes sexuality, first seducing the doctor and then spurning his advances.

After seeing the film, one gets the feeling that it's all — love, hate, whatever — in the mind.

*The Man With Two Brains* is a 1983 production, lasting 93 minutes, and is recommended as a collector's item for your film library.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI Fistas/Farwaniya; Video Naaf, Tel: 2432809; and Video Club, Salmaia, Tel: 574372.

Mixed doubles will be played. Register between Oct 11 to Oct 18. Tel: Lenc 2544988, 8 am - 12 noon.

**Scuba Diving** NAVY scuba diving club starting up again. Call Frank: 4830570; 4830474.

**Varca Carrom Tournament** OCT 7: Varca Carrom tournament for doubles begins. Those interested to take part can contact Thomas (Bobbi) Tel: 3261888 ext. 2259, 9 am - 2.30 pm. Last date for entries is Oct 5. Draw will be held on Oct 6, 6 pm, at the home of Thomas Fernandez, organiser.

**Ahmadi Karting** OCT 7: Ahmadi kart racing at the KOC track, Ahmadi. First race starts at 1.30 pm. Spectators and new members welcome. Tel: Simon Lloyd — 3980876.

**Rugby Match** OCT 6: Rugby match at the Ahmadi rugby pitch, kick-off: 2.30 pm.

**PBAK Bowling Tournament** OCT 6: 6.30 pm, 300 Club. Men's Division: Far East Rest. vs Al Naqeeb & Khattar; Phil. Supreme vs 300 Club; Magnolia ice cream vs Kay Asso.

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**Tug of War Competition** OCT 21: United Goans Centre will hold tug of war competition. Competitors are requested to contact organisers on 21/10 at Al Soor Ground for entry forms.

**Laser Club** NOV 4: Start of the Messilah Beach Laser Club's winter racing season. Laser owners and others interested are welcome. Instruction available. For details contact D. Clark — 2425947; P. Shepherd — 5314957; 4841513; P. Berry — 3924174.

**Konkan Drama** OCT 7: IAC, Funaitees, 4 pm: Konkan drama entitled 'Xim Vo Ximter'; written and directed by Cajetan De Sanvorden, Marcus Vaz, Xavier Gomes, featuring the Mendes

Brothers. Entry passes available at Raja Stores.

**Kuwait Players Opening Ball**

OCT 13: Holiday Inn, Ballroom. Kuwait Players' opening ball. Cocktails at 7.30 pm; dinner and entertainment by the K.P. Band. Dress: formal. Membership discount applies. For reservations contact the social secretary on Tel: 3261888 ext. 2259, 9 am - 2.30 pm.

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**Tug of War Competition**

OCT 21: United Goans Centre will hold tug of war competition. Competitors are requested to contact organisers on 21/10 at Al Soor Ground for entry forms.

**Laser Club**

NOV 4: Start of the Messilah Beach Laser Club's winter racing season. Laser owners and others interested are welcome. Instruction available. For details contact D. Clark — 2425947; P. Shepherd — 5314957; 4841513; P. Berry — 3924174.

**Daniella Tennis**

CALLING all members of the Danish community to register for the forthcoming tennis tournament. Competition is open for players with all levels of skill — singles, doubles and

stuffy plastic surgeon who spends his time in the right places with the right people. She feels very uncomfortable at the cocktail parties and gallery openings which they are expected to frequent. When she is resurrected, not only has the husband remarried her best friend, but everybody she used to know shuns her completely. The jokes are very slapstick and predictable, but apparently it was successful enough as a film to beget a new TV series of the same name, which will be coming to your screens shortly.

*Subbuteo* may not be everybody's cup of tea — in fact how many people know exactly what it is? Apparently this brand of table football claims over five million fans in 35 countries. In England teams such as Ajax, Ramsgate, Real Falkirk and Cosmopolitan Manchester battle it out yearly for the championship. *Playing For Real* is a new British mini-series, which develops the story of Patricia, who never really got on with her father, but taking over the chairmanship of his team, and with the help of her favourite player, a miniature Charlie Nicholas complete with earnings, takes on the task of winning the league. Cheating, hooliganism, crowds roaring and even choruses of 'Abide with Me', accompany this deceptively skillful game, and although the series is basically a comedy, there is some attempt to do justice to its fans. Viewers who enjoyed series such as *Tudor Frutti*, should also appreciate this one.

One other film which has made a reappearance from the blacklist is *American Graffiti*, the George Lucas/Francis Ford Coppola film which spawned the *Happy Days* series. Although filmed in 1973, this is still one of the best 'growing up in small town America' films ever made.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

## MORNING

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Iflah Ya Simsim
- 9.45 News followed by Good Morning
- 10.00 Darb Al Zalaq: local serial, starring Khalid Al Nafisi, Abdul Hussain Abdul Rida, Saad Al Faraj, Ali Mufeedi.

- 10.45 News Summary
- 11.00 Al Zankalooni: Arabic serial, featuring Mohammad Rida, Athar Al Hakim, Laila Taher, Ahmad Abdul Waris.

- 12.10 The Magic of David Copperfield

- 1.00 News Summary

- 1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

## EVENING

## 4.00 Holy Quran

## 4.15 World News via Satellite

## 4.45 Ra's Al Amlaq: cartoon serial

## 5.15 Tum Tek and Children

## 5.30 Songs and Music

## 6.00 La Ilaha Illallah: historical serial. Starring: Laith Fahmi, Tayseer Fahmi, Rushwan Taufiq, Huda Sultan.

## 7.00 News Summary

## 7.30 Afqa Al Fami: focus on art, presented by Abdul Rasool Salman.

## 7.45 Housing: a local programme, hosted by Abdul Mohsin Al Banai.

## 8.30 Good Evening daily roundup of local events.

## 9.00 News in Arabic

## 9.30 Al Rayah Al Baidah: Arabic serial, starring Sana Jamil, Jamil Rateb, Samiya

## 7.30 Growing Pains: "Not



Alan Thicke and Joanne Kerns in the family show Growing Pains, 7.30 pm, tonight on KTV 2.

Al Alf. Sayyed Ziyar.

10.45 Min Al Alaf Ilyu: variety show hosted by Tareq Habib.

11.35 News Summary

11.40 World News via Satellite, followed by Holy Quran/Closedown.

## KTV 2

## 6.00 Holy Quran

## 6.10 My Pet Monster: cartoon serial

## 6.30 Wonderstruck: a science show for young viewers. Tonight, a look at magnetic force and medicine.

## 7.00 Pals: the story of little Sammy who lives with his grandparents but wants to join in his father's travels.

## 7.30 Growing Pains: "Not

the Necessary News." Maggie wants to find a job; Ben insists she stay at home.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Probe: detective series with Mickey and Austin, who agree to apply new gimmicks to play an old trade.

9.30 The Secret World: documentary

10.00 What's Happening Now:

"Raj Returns." Raj wants to reopen his restaurant and sets out to get finance.

10.30 L.A. Law

11.30 News Summary

11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## BBC World Services

## 0900 World News

# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

ART is a lie that enables us to realize the truth — Pablo Picasso, Spanish artist (1881-1973).

### US vice-president's job

## Sometimes important, sometimes ridiculous

By Alexander G. Higgins

**WASHINGTON, (AP)**: The US vice-presidency is a job that has sometimes been important, but has just as often been ridiculed as insignificant, even by some of the people who have won it.

Today, vice-presidential rivals Lloyd Bentsen and Dan Quayle face each other in a debate. The debate itself could affect the outcome of the presidential race between Michael Dukakis and George Bush.

But once the election is decided, little may be heard again of the vice-presidential winner as he toils deep in the shadows of the president.

John Nance Garner, Franklin Roosevelt's vice-president in the 1930s, described the vice-presidency as "a spare tire on the automobile of government."

It mainly as a replacement for the president that the vice-president becomes important, but in recent decades, presidents have given their vice-presidents more meaningful work.

#### Silence

Otherwise, a term as vice-president can be "four years of silence," said Alben Barkley, vice-president under Harry Truman.

The colourful Truman, who moved up from vice-president to president on the death of Roosevelt in 1945, said the office was "about as useful as a cow's fifth teat." And Garner, retired to the plains of west Texas, also used an earthy comparison in writing off the job as "not worth a bucket of warm spit (saliva)."

Americans vote for a combination of presidential and vice-presidential candidates on one ticket and usually base their decision on their favourite for the top job.

But in a close race — as this year's election is expected to be — a good or bad impression made by the vice-presidential candidate could be enough to change the outcome.

Democrats, pointing to Quayle's youth and inexperience, are quick to remind voters that if Bush wins on Nov. 8, Quayle would be "only a heartbeat away" from taking over if Bush should die or become incapacitated during his four-year term.

The scary "heartbeat away" phrase has been used repeatedly since the 1950s to call attention to the inadequacy of a vice-presidential candidate and to

remind voters that they elect a vice-president as well as a president.

Eight of the 40 US presidents have died in office and been succeeded by their vice-presidents.

Bush reportedly chose Sen. Quayle, 41, partly on the basis of a good showing he made in a televised debate against Bentsen last spring. Republicans need Quayle to demonstrate his competence and to appear more dynamic than the 67-year-old Democrat.

Bentsen, a senator from Texas, was chosen by Dukakis to challenge Bush — also a Texan — in that key state, and he has been spending much of his time campaigning only there.

In the debate, Quayle could well argue that he and Bentsen had similar views and agree with the average American voter.

Dukakis and Bentsen have criticized both Bush and Quayle and asserted that Bush's choice of his running mate demonstrated a lack of judgement that a president needs for choosing appointees for the cabinet and other offices.

Bush's refusal to oppose President Ronald Reagan's policies in public, in fact, has left him open to criticism from Dukakis that he failed to avert such mistakes as the Iran-Contra scandal and close ties to Panamanian Gen. Manuel Noriega.

Originally, the vice-president was whoever placed second in the presidential election. But the constitution was soon amended to allow for running mates because conflicts between president and vice-president created discord in the administration.

The job of vice-president has been ridiculed almost from the beginning.

John Adams, who in the 1790s served as the first vice-president and then went on to become president, described it as "the most insignificant office that ever the invention of man contrived."

In the 1931 musical "Of Thee I Sing," incompetent Vice-President Alexander Throttlebottom was so excluded from power that he had to join a tour group to visit the White House.

Only this century did vice-presidents begin attending cabinet meetings regularly. President Dwight Eisenhower strengthened the office in the 1950s, putting Richard Nixon in charge of the cabinet in the president's absence.

## Illness makes Japanese aware of emperor

By Nao Nakanishi

**TOKYO, (Reuter)**: Emperor Hirohito's illness has brought him to the forefront of Japanese media attention and made many people, especially the young, aware of a man they knew about only dimly.

Some analysts, looking back to the nationalistic mood before World War II, have expressed concern.

"I fear something similar to the pre-war period could happen," Inada Nada, a psychiatrist and author, told Reuters.

He said Japan's media had looked only for respectful reactions to the illness and did not report dissenting views.

Toshihiko Hara, a sociologist at Tokai University, agreed.

"If you give as much coverage as we see now, you can mobilise the people on any matter. I imagine it was like this during the war when Japan's people were forced to devote their life to the emperor," he said.

#### Sympathy

Hara said many young people were going to the palace to register their sympathy for Hirohito because it was fashionable. Older people were cancelling social events as they did not want to stand out in Japan's conformist society.

More than two million people, young and old, have braved persistent rain and long queues to sign registers at the Imperial Palace in central Tokyo and elsewhere.

Throughout Japan, events ranging from traditional harvest festivals, sports meetings at schools, political fund-raisers, department store sales and even marriages have been cancelled or postponed out of respect for the emperor.

Newspapers are filled with medical statistics, doctors' comments and pictures of the queues of well-wishers and subjects who kneeled in the mud outside the palace moat to pray for the world's longest reigning monarch.

Nada said television stations had shown him hundreds of letters complaining that films or Olympic broadcasts had been interrupted by the medical bulletins.

**Disquiet**

Hara said that people who feel betrayed by the emperor — through their experiences either during and after the war or during the student movement of the 1960s — probably have a cynical reaction but this is not seen and reported so easily.

Japan's government, which has criticised the way palace officials have kept themselves in the spotlight during the last two weeks, has expressed disquiet over public reaction.

## After seven years in power

By John Rogers

**CAIRO, (Reuters)**: Hosni Mubarak starts his eighth year as president of Egypt this week, picking his way through political minefields which appear ever more dangerous.

But the 60-year-old former Air Force commander, noted for stoic plain speaking rather than dramatic gestures, seems unlikely to alter his approach.

Caution remains the hallmark of his domestic policy as he seeks to contain Islamic militancy and grapples with worsening economic problems which threaten to spark social unrest.

"He wants to maintain a moderate, centrist state that is freer than most in the Arab world," said a Western diplomat. "But the worse the economy gets, the more difficult his job is."

#### Backing

In foreign relations, he has presided over Egypt's return to acceptability in the Arab world after nearly a decade as an outcast because of its peace pact with Israel. He has retained close ties with the West and improved relations with Moscow.

Foreign backing is important in easing the most populous Arab state through a prolonged

economic crisis. Gulf Arab states are now pumping more aid and investment money into Egypt, while Mubarak has carefully nurtured US and West European support.

Both Egyptian and foreign analysts say he likes to rule by consensus. Most foreigners see this as a strength, but some Egyptians regard compromise decision-making as a weakness.

They recall Egypt's dramas under strongman Gamal Abdel Nasser, who nationalised the Suez Canal, or Anwar Sadat, who fended off Arab opinion to establish relations with Israel.

#### Fairer

Nonetheless, Egyptians accept Mubarak — or at least have accepted there is no obvious alternative to the stocky, dour vice-president who was thrust to power when Muslim zealots gunned down Sadat on Oct. 6, 1981.

A potential successor could be Field Marshal Abdel-Halim Abu Ghazala, the defence minister. But Western diplomats say he shows no open interest in power and appears content to run the huge military machine which

underpins the government.

Mubarak's supporters say he runs a fairer, less oppressive system than his predecessors, allowing the opposition a greater say in parliament and through its newspapers, although the ruling National Democratic Party has a crushing legislative majority.

Opposition outside parliament is kept in check by emergency laws, renewed recently for three years, which empower police to detain suspects without charges.

Interior Minister Zaki Badr keeps a tight rein on protests by Muslim activists and other dissidents. The opposition accuses Badr, a former police general, of using excessive force.

Five people were killed in clashes between Muslim militants and police in Cairo in August.

Socialist Ibrahim Shukri, who heads the small left-Islamic opposition in the people's assembly, says Mubarak listens too much to his aides and too little to ordinary people.

"Maybe it's because of his previous experience as a pilot. He had to look at the gauges and

take readings," Shukri told Reuters in an interview. "Now, before taking a decision he has to take all the readings first."

"All his decisions are trying to balance the situation. Sometimes decisions have to be taken that unbalance the situation but are the right decisions."

#### Balance

Mubarak has turned consensus-based caution into government policy in meeting his biggest challenge — reforming the economy without igniting street riots. He aims to prevent Muslim fundamentalists and other pressure groups exploiting grumblies over rising prices.

He envisages reforms over 10 years and sees no quick fix for problems which include high population growth, \$40 billion of foreign debt, a legacy of sluggish state industries and subsidies on vital goods and reliance on slumping oil prices for dollar income.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF), whose aid is vital to Egypt, wants faster action to raise energy prices towards

world levels, reduce the budget deficit and increase consumer prices.

"I can't raise prices at one time by 40 per cent because nobody would be able to survive," Mubarak said after recent inconclusive negotiations on an IMF aid package. "It would not be an IMF operation, it would be slaughter."

#### Accused

He accused the Fund of behaving like a quack doctor trying to force a single huge dose down Egypt's throat rather than a daily pill.

Egypt views itself as a special case because of its strategic location at the junction of Europe, the Middle East and Africa, its control of the Suez Canal and its role as the only Arab state pledged to peace with Israel.

For years, this argument has found favour in Western chanceries. Egypt last year won IMF standby balance of payments help on exceptionally soft terms and rescheduled more than \$6 billion in official debt installments to the West.

Although Cairo later failed to

meet IMF policy requirements, a deal with the fund is expected in coming months which should enable Egypt to reschedule a further \$4 billion of debt payments to Western governments.

Price

Egypt's 52 million people, many desperately poor, have so far accepted gradual price rises blamed by the opposition on IMF demands.

But grumbling is increasing. When Mubarak scrapped the usual September bonus paid to every family for start-of-term school expenses, textile workers went on strike for two days.

The introduction of better quality bread from government bakeries costing five piastres (2.5 cents) — more than double the old lower quality loaf — was widely seen as a way to raise the price of the poor man's heavily subsidised staple food.

Egyptians appear stoically to accept tough conditions most of the time. But, in a volatile country, the future is unpredictable.

Mubarak's most serious security crisis blew up unexpectedly one night in 1986 when thousands of police conscripts ran riot. More than 100 people were killed before troops restored order.

## Court ruling brings Benazir a step closer to power

By Oliver Wates

**ISLAMABAD, (Reuter)**: Nothing seems to go wrong for Pakistan's Benazir Bhutto these days.

In the last seven weeks her bitterest political foe has died in a plane crash, she has given birth to a son, and a supreme court ruling has brought her a step closer to power.

Even the mass murder and ethnic rioting which have taken over 250 lives in her native Sind province in the past three days have brought her a certain political bonus by opening up her opponents in government to attacks over law and order.

With national elections six weeks away, the once unlikely prospect of a 35-year-old woman becoming prime minister of this Muslim nation of 104 million people is being taken more seriously every day.

#### Strength

Western and Pakistani analysts caution that Benazir's political strength has yet to be tested at the polls. But they are unanimous in seeing her Pakistan People's Party (PPP) as a major contender and Sunday's court verdict as a shot in the arm.

"They're on a winning streak now, it's very important to create that image," Maleeha Lodhi, editor of the Islamabad daily The Muslim, commented.

The supreme court ordered unanimously that the Nov. 16 elections should be held on a party basis. This allows the PPP, easily Pakistan's biggest opposition party, to use a single national electoral symbol, a key factor in a country where three-quarters of the electorate are illiterate.

"The poor illiterate people in

the villages and far-flung areas will also have a chance to vote for their party," Benazir's mother Nusrat Bhutto said in an interview on Monday.

"If it had not been on a party basis there would have been so many symbols it would have caused confusion and chaos. It was certainly good news."

#### Welcome

The government of acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan accepted the ruling, which was not unexpected, with good grace. Benazir hailed the decision as "historic" and it was welcomed by all opposition parties.

Lodhi said it was likely to increase the "bandwagon effect" in favour of the PPP which began with the death in a mystery plane crash on Aug. 17 of the party's mortal enemy, military President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

Zia ousted Benazir's father Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in a coup in 1977 and presided over his hanging. The analysts said she could never have prospered politically while he remained in power.

"Most important is likely to be the psychological effect (of the court decision)," Lodhi said. "The PPP's winner image is going to be enhanced."

Even before the court decision, 18,000 people had applied for PPP party tickets for the 237 National Assembly seats and 460 places in the four provincial assemblies, Nusrat said.

"After the judgment more will come, all those who were sitting on the fence," she said.

The ruling was a direct contradiction of Zia's wishes. He presided over widely-boycotted non-party elections in 1985 and had said the November polls too should be on a non-party basis.

It was the second judicial snub

in a week to the late military ruler. The Lahore High Court earlier ruled that he acted illegally when he dismissed the National Assembly in May.

The PPP's main opponents are expected to be the Pakistan Muslim League (FIDA) headed by Zia appointees still in office, especially the four provincial chief ministers.

Ishaq Khan has rejected opposition demands that they be sacked to prevent any election rigging. But fears of a postponement or cancellation seem to be receding.

#### Delaying

Justice Minister Wasim Sajad ruled out the idea of delaying the polls at a news conference on Sunday.

More significantly in a country ruled by the military for more than half its existence, Army chief General Mirza Aslam Beg has promised to ensure that free and fair elections go ahead on schedule.

"I believe him and I think it is clear they will go ahead on time," Nusrat Bhutto said. She described Beg's performance since he succeeded Zia as chief of Army staff as "excellent."

Beg is due to resume active campaigning in a few days, following the Caesar's birth of her first child on Sept. 21. "She has been on the telephone all the time, she is full of beans," her mother said.

The birth has not only freed Pakistan's biggest crowd-puller to campaign energetically but also provided the Bhutto "dynasty" with a heir.

The charisma of the executed prime minister is still at the heart of the PPP's appeal to poor Pakistanis and his portrait dominates party rallies.

## Norway's cold war secrets spark debate

**OSLO, (Reuter)**: A book revealing Norway's deep involvement in international espionage during the "cold war" period of the 1950s and 1960s has started a debate

By Kathy Cuddihy

Dear Mrs Cuddihy,  
Your son is in 4th grade now. In the intermediate school we try to instill in the children a sense of dressing properly. May we therefore please remind you that shorts are no longer permitted at school, except in Phys. Ed. class where they must be zippered.

Thank you for your immediate co-operation.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Mannequin  
4th Grade

Dear Mrs Mannequin,  
I have received your note with some surprise (my son doesn't usually deliver notes from teachers). The contents of the note were even more surprising. Are you insinuating that when my son wears shorts he is improperly dressed? I admit his legs are a bit spindly, but they're usually moving so fast that surely no one would actually get a visual fix on them. And I can assure you that his wardrobe of brand new shorts is far more presentable than his ratty-tatty collection of hand-me-down jeans. We keep them because they seem to be the fashion with young boys, and this is certainly what I see many of the other children wearing to school. I've checked with their mothers and they haven't received any notes reminding them to garb their sons "properly". I can therefore only question your judgement on what is "proper" dressing.

Concerning the dress code for P.E., my son has lived all his little life in zipperless shorts. He's immensely proud to finally qualify for shorts "like

## Yours sincerely

Daddy wears". I fear regression may traumatize the child.

I suppose my cooperation is inevitable, but don't count on its immediacy.

Grudgingly,  
P.S. Are there any tall 3rd grade children who still dress improperly and might be able to use 8 pairs of impeccable shorts (with zippers)?

Dear Mrs Cuddihy,  
I have to admit, my curiosity has finally got the better of me: have you signed any homework sheets/permission slips/absentee forms for your son lately?

The reason I ask is that due to a recently discovered talent displayed by your son, we are led to believe that your signature is not actually yours. Today we caught the boy submitting a forged note to his gym teacher excusing him from class due to health reasons.

We got suspicious when the note was written on scrap paper with frayed edges... and when it cited "pre-menstrual tension" as the cause of the "illness".

We are alarmed that the forgery is such good quality and feel that you should be informed urgently. We have taken disciplinary action at school but you will probably agree that parental involvement is also required.

Yours sincerely,  
J.L. Warden  
Principal

Dear Warden,  
Did you really send me a note yesterday, or was that one of my son's clever tricks? The handwriting

certainly looks yours, so I'll take a chance and reply.

Apart from the fact that yours is supposed to be a progressive school which should encourage any and all talents in the children under your care, I do feel that your concerns are misplaced. Who cares about forged homework slips, etc? What I have to find out is whether the little genius has been using my cheque book!

With alarm, P.S. If my son doesn't bother to deliver this note to you, perhaps you could call and let me know.

Maybe you'd better call anyway, just in case in the note he delivers isn't the note I wrote.

Dear Mrs Cuddihy,

Due to your son's unseemly behaviour in class, I must regrettably inform you that I feel it would be best if he stays home tomorrow. This "cooling down" period should give him a chance to reflect on the foolishness of his mischievous activities.

I am the first to admit that there is a time and place for everything, but this certainly does not include placing a cardboard shoe box (with a very loose-fitting lid) FULL OF COCKROACHES under my desk.

We are alarmed that the forgery is such good quality and feel that you should be informed urgently. We have taken disciplinary action at school but you will probably agree that parental involvement is also required.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Mannequin  
4th Grade

Dear Mrs Mannequin,  
You are probably

wondering why my son is bringing you this note when he is supposed to stay at home today. I can only ask, "Whom are you trying to punish?"

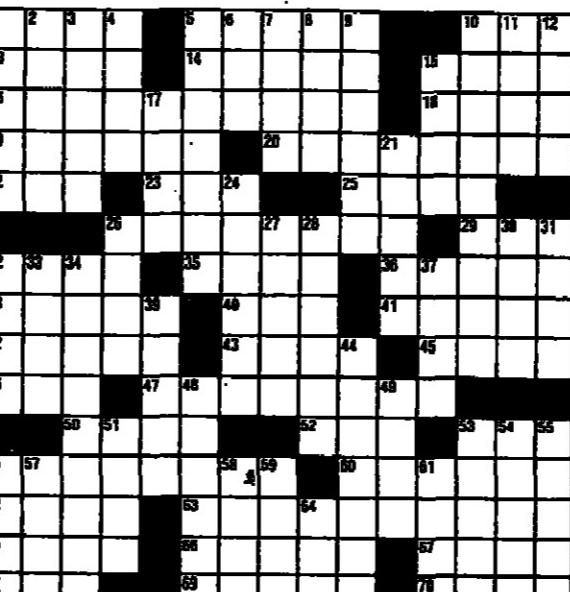
If my son stays home on a school day without the excuse of being sick, I am the one who will suffer. Apart from the fact that I will have to interrupt my work to feed him at regular (and frequent) intervals, I will probably have to entertain him so that 1) he doesn't get into more trouble; 2) he doesn't spend the day whining that "there's nothing to do." I would probably also be stuck with my daughter because she would keep crying "It's not fair that he gets to stay home and I don't until I would have to give in just for a bit of peace."

You teachers are supposed to be able to cope. While I may have the edge on you in experience with this particular problem you have the professional training (don't you?). I think the ball is in your court, but if it's any consolation, the main player has promised that he won't incur anymore penalties ... at least for the rest of the week.

In hope,  
PS. Are you sure you're not just trying to get even with me because his tatty jeans have zippers?

PPS. I should warn you that by the time this note reaches you it might be a clever forgery. We've been having a bit of trouble in that area, too. If you think the choice of words doesn't look like mine, get suspicious. On the other hand, if my son says it better, let it pass. The original wasn't all that sympathetic or polite.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 1 "There'll Be —" 50 "On Your —"
- 5 "Call Me —" 52 Inventive
- 10 Sauna site 53 Heidi's home
- 13 Agatha Christie locale 56 Ran
- 14 Accustom 60 — Doria
- 15 — a Male War 62 "The Good Earth" heroine
- 16 Stadium seating 63 Barren organ
- 18 Certain tide 65 Mallard
- 19 Hearty soup 66 Wear away
- 20 Hammock 67 Italian magistrate,
- 22 Out of the ordinary 68 — me no questions..."
- 23 Brown of renown 69 Did a rodeo turn
- 25 Do an usher's job 70 Preacher
- 26 Nonsense! 71 Its capital is Kathmandu
- 28 Down with rhum 72 Notebook selection
- 32 Supply a new title
- 33 Turn away 73 Footfall
- 34 Retrace one's steps 74 Sweet treat
- 35 Disastrous 75 Danish elf
- 36 Turn away 76 Supply a new title
- 38 Port city of Japan 77 Thrush
- 40 Darling of baseball 78 Large kangaroo
- 41 Rental agreement 79 Bit of liquid
- 42 Prepares, as vegetables 80 Ranch of a sort
- 43 "When I was —" 81 Before JFK
- 45 Sleep like — 82 Ranch of a sort
- 46 Burdened beast 83 Williams of Hollywood
- 47 In haste 84 Half a panda's name
- 51 Sty sound! 85 Quiver item
- 53 Quiver item 86 Plant perch
- 54 Plant perch 87 Debt clearer
- 55 Thirst quencher
- 57 In addition
- 58 Large kangaroo
- 61 Ranch of a sort
- 64 Before JFK

### DOWN



## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

NEGATIVE INFERENCE, POSITIVE RESULT  
North-South vulnerable. South deals.

### NORTH

♦ A 10 8 2  
♥ 8 4  
♦ A Q 10 4  
♣ J 6 4

### WEST

♠ K Q J 6 4  
♥ A J 3  
♦ K 7 6 5  
♣ K

### EAST

♦ 9 7 3  
♥ K 10 6 5 2  
♦ 9 8 3  
♣ 9 3

### SOUTH

♦ 5  
♥ Q 9 7  
♦ J 2  
♣ A Q 10 8 7 5 2

The bidding:  
South West North East  
Pass 1 ♠ Pass Pass  
2 ♡ 2 ♦ 3 ♣ 3 ♣  
4 ♢ Pass 5 ♣ Pass  
Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

There are various factors to take into account when you try to build a picture of the opponents' holdings—what they have and have not done in the auction, and particularly the choice of opening lead. The latter is a positive inference. For instance, if a defender selects the queen of an unbid suit as his opening lead, you can infer that he holds the jack but not the king. The negative inferences, based on what a player did not do, are often more accurate, since the defender might have chosen to make a deceptive lead.

When this hand was played in a world championship match between

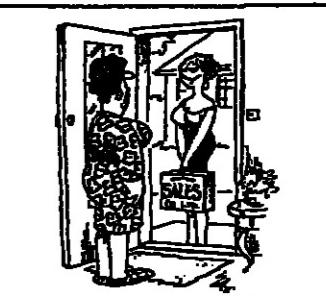
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

DARE	PALER	ABA
EGOS	OBELI	ERRS
BASKETBALL	RAIN	TRAIL
MELEE	NADER	ISSEI
REMOVE	NANCY	HNE
USA	EDITOR	NADE
SPRINGBOARD	AWAY	MELEE
TYRO	EITHER	NANCY
OWERS	NEG	ABA
DOWSE	SERBERG	ERRS
EBB	LABOR	TRAIL
LEON	PENTATHLON	ISSEI
LANA	SEDER	HNE
SHEM	ENDOLS	NADE

the U.S. and Italy, the American pair ended in five clubs on the auction shown. Why South did not preempt at his first turn is a mystery—perhaps he felt his defensive values were too good for that action.

West led the king of spades, taken by dummy's ace. Declarer called for the jack of clubs and, when East followed with a low club, he shot up with the ace. That anti-percentage play in the suit had a fortunate outcome when the king came tumbling down. Later, the diamond finesse succeeded and the contract rolled home for the loss of only two heart tricks.

What made declarer go against the odds? When West did not lead a high heart, declarer made the negative inference that East held one of the high honors. Since he did not respond to his partner's opening bid, he could not have the king of clubs as well. Therefore, instead of taking a finesse that was doomed to lose, declarer played for his only chance—a singleton king in the West hand.



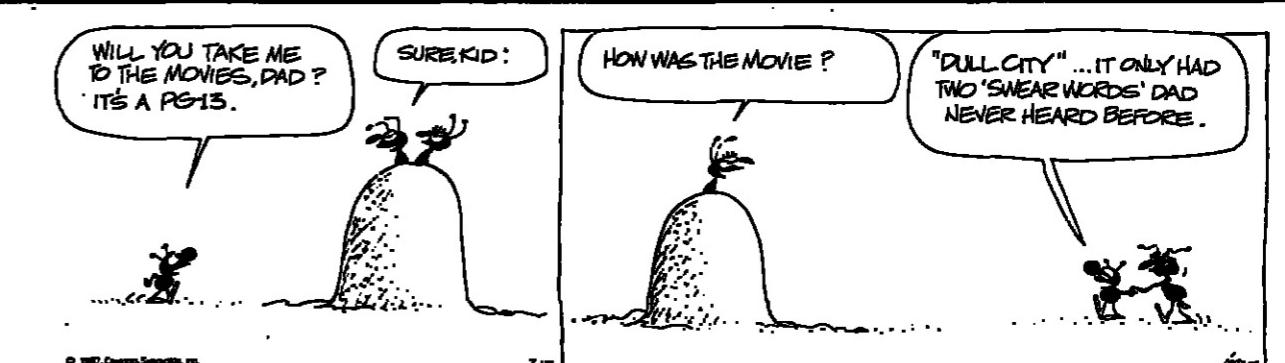
"You realize you can't stay the night."

## THE WIZARD OF ID



By Johnny Hart

### B.C.



By Johnny Hart

## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The Moon's influence will help you to keep ahead of events. You should not be in too great a hurry to make changes; consider them carefully first. You will have to beware of a tendency to be somewhat haphazard. Be a little more discreet.



Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You are a little too liable to spend lavishly, exercise more restraint. Something you have been learning will become far clearer. You will be able to get a move on. Be moderate.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You are subject to more favourable influences but you must still exercise care and attention. You are too liable to lose sight of your objectives. You should pay less attention to gossip and avoid all kinds of intrigue. Be reasonable.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will not be in the best of moods and should beware of offending anyone. Venus' influence will help you to keep in step with your emotions. You should consider changes carefully before effecting them. Be considerate.

Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

The Moon's influence will help you to deal better with the situation you are in. You are too liable to allow your attention to stray, so beware. Make sure you do not eat so much that you put on weight noticeably. Be more hopeful.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will have to try hard to keep your head in the face of rather adverse circumstances. Venus' influence will however help you to maintain a close relationship. You should avoid spending money recklessly. Be fair.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have a good opportunity but may fail to recognise it as such. You should consider carefully, appearances could well lead you astray. Do not think that others will always behave just as you wish they would. Be prompt.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You have every reason to hold your head high. Try to avoid bearing a grudge and to rid yourself of some prejudices. Make sure you play your full part in a joint enterprise. Be a little more flexible.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You will be in high spirits and must avoid going over the top. You will be able to do something you greatly enjoy doing. The solution to a problem is closer at hand than you think. Be generous.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You will be able to sort out a personal problem helped by Venus' favourable influence. You should not place too much reliance on intuition in dealing with a business problem. Avoid eating or drinking more than you know is good for you. Be sincere.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Your mood will not be entirely carefree just now. However you are subject to by and large favourable influences and should not allow yourself to become dejected. Mercury's favourable influence will help you to look at things from the right perspective. Be cordial.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You will be better able to make up your mind and Venus' influence will help you to make the right choice. You should not however act on impulse. Persevere with what you are doing instead of giving up at the slightest sign of difficulty. Be less critical.



Rare examples of Roman correspondence

## New light on Roman life in Britain

Recently discovered Roman tablets on which the ink writing is still legible present a picture of Roman life in which socialising and obtaining supplies of luxury items loom much larger than any military pre-occupations.

By Chris Tighe

DISCOVERIES made during excavations at the Northumberland fort of Vindolanda in the UK, a mile to the south of Hadrian's Wall, have shed new light on the Romans' life in the northern outpost of their empire, 1,900 years ago.

Because of the preservative properties of its turf, Vindolanda has yielded up more than 1,000 Roman tablets — pieces of wafer-thin wood on which the ink writing is still legible.

These texts, the earliest archive of written material found in Britain, present a picture of Roman life in which socialising and obtaining supplies of luxury items loom much larger than any military pre-occupations.

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longest original Roman letters ever found, which challenges the image of the Romans as master-road builders in AD 115.

Octavius, whose status is unknown, writes from an unknown address to Vindolanda to complain that he is still awaiting delivery of grain and cattle-hides and laments the bad state of the roads. They are unfit for wheeled traffic, he says.

**Complains**

Octavius also complains about the delay in receiving large quantities of cattle-hides from Catterick — Cataractonium — and grain, for which he has already paid. If he does not get the supplies, he says, he will be financially embarrassed. He adds that as the roads are bad, mules may be the best means of transport.

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Thomas of Durham University's Department of Paleography and Diplomatic, a papyrologist who has translated many of the Vindolanda tablets together with Dr Alan Bowman, of Oxford University.

Dr Thomas said: "One would hope that in London and Colchester the roads would be much better, but up here, where they had conquered only 20 years previously, they were just

getting the roads in."

Vindolanda's director, Mr Robin Birley, and his excavation assistants have also just unearthed a pridianum, or periodic strength report, the first such document found in the Western Empire.

Written on a specially prepared thin sheet of oak, it reports that more than a dozen men from the cohort of Tungrians attached to Vindolanda at the time of writing, shortly

before AD 90, were suffering from pink-eye (conjunctivitis).

The tablet also reveals that of the 750-strong cohort, only 270 were present at Vindolanda, and 10 per cent of them were sick.

The rest were permanently attached to the governor of Britain's bodyguard, or serving with the province's procurator, Ferox, or garrisoned at Coria — probably the fort at Corbridge, Northumberland.

Rare

Another tablet found at Vindolanda is a rare example of correspondence between Roman women, presumably both wives of senior soldiers. In the letter, Flavia Severa is inviting Lepidina to her birthday party.

Another tablet bearing two excerpts from Virgil, seems to be a writing exercise by a child, probably one of the sons of Flavius Cerialis, prefect of the Ninth Cohort of Batavians based before AD 103 at Vindolanda.

As well as private letters, there are daily work schedules, official correspondence, accounts and receipts, lists of stores sent to the fort and daily reports from junior officers to the commanding officer.



A researcher at work at the Roman fort of Vindolanda, in Northumberland, UK, the northern outpost of their empire 1,900 years ago.

tablets; it was a very literate society at that stage.

"In all the tablets there's no mention of death, religion, fighting or the Emperor," he says.

Instead they dwell extensively on supplies, including fine wines and smart dinner services.

The establishment of a fort at Vindolanda predates by about 40 years the building of Hadrian's Wall between AD 120 and 130.

Successive waves of redevelopment at Vindolanda led to earlier remains being buried over before rebuilding, creating the soil conditions in which written tablets, fabrics, feathers, hair and insects have been found in drainage areas, indicating they were flushed away.

As only eight per cent of Vindolanda has been excavated, Mr Birley estimates there could be many thousands more yet unearthing.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Banks clear Kuwaiti dinar short-term position

A LOCAL daily reported yesterday that local banks cleared their Kuwaiti dinar short-term position on Monday.

It added that the banks began expanded purchasing of US dollars in anticipation of a change in the currencies which determine the price of the Kuwaiti dinar.

Local bankers showed that the sharp increase of the US dollar against the Kuwaiti dinar at the beginning of last month caused fears about such a change.

### Rate

They said that the Central Bank increased the exchange rate of the US dollar against the Kuwaiti dinar to 285.96 fils on Monday morning, although its price retreated against major currencies the same day.

This created a sense of unease among local banks, which began building short-term financial positions in the US dollar from the middle of last week.

They added that this became very sharp on Monday and the rush to purchase US dollars in the local market led to the increased interest rate on the Kuwaiti dinar, which rose from 3 per cent on Sunday to 6 per cent on Monday.

The bankers pointed out that the Central Bank did not intervene in the local markets on Monday and did not withdraw liquidity from markets to force local banks to stop speculation on the Kuwaiti dinar.

The Central Bank sees this speculation as exaggerated and harmful, they said.

## Kuwait holds 5.1pc stake in UK bank

LONDON, Oct 4, (AP): The Kuwait Investment Office, the London-based investment arm of the Kuwaiti government said yesterday it holds a 5.1 per cent stake in Midland Bank Plc.

In a statement lodged with London's Stock Exchange, the Kuwait Investment Office, which also holds a stake of about 20 per cent in British Petroleum Co. Plc, said it bought 1.5 million Midland shares on Friday. That lifted its holding to 28.04 million shares, or above 5 per cent, requiring it to divulge the stake.

Midland shares rose on the news. The shares, which had been down about 9 pence (15 cents) were down 6 pence (10 cents) at 415 pence (\$7.01) after the announcement.

### Stake

An official at Midland Bank, who wasn't identified, in accordance with British practice, said he had been aware of the stake for over a year, and that it appears to be just an investment.

"We are pleased that someone thinks we are a good investment," he added. "It's as casual as that."

An official at the Kuwait Investment Office, who wasn't identified for the same reason, declined to comment.

Other major shareholders in Midland include Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp. with 14.9 per cent; M and G Group Plc, an investment management group, with about 7 per cent; and British conglomerate Hanson Plc with about 5 per cent.

## 'Dealing with building materials is high risk'

# Local market unstable, say dealers

By Jadranka Porter

current \$49 to \$35 per cubic metre which was the going rate before the tanker war escalated, said Mohammed Saleh Burud of Ali and Abdullaif H. Al Sarraf Co.

Dealers who are stuck with large stocks of steel and wood are hoping for the repeat of the successful deals struck with the Iraqis immediately after Iran announced its acceptance of the UN ceasefire resolution.

But Burud claims that Iraq will turn to the neighbouring Gulf states only for the most urgent requirements before it opens direct import lines with the exporting countries.

The uncertainty surrounding Iraqi orders is further underlined by the rising value of the dollar against the Kuwaiti dinar which is eating into the dealers' profits.

Building material prices are quoted in dollars in the international market.

### Charges

Dealers are also delaying orders because they expect to receive supplies at cheaper rates once the freight charges drop.

The ceasefire in the Iraqi-Iran war has encouraged many shippers to resume traffic to Kuwait and the freight charges are expected to gradually decline from the

beginning of next week.

Dealers find it difficult to assess Iraq's immediate requirements on the basis of their inquiries, said Burud.

The Iraqis have been sending the same inquiries to different companies in Kuwait and elsewhere in the Gulf, raising the level of competition, he said.

From July 18 when Iran said it was willing to negotiate peace in the Gulf war until the end of August the flow of orders, especially for plywood, from Iraq was steady, said Burud. In the first two weeks in September the exports of building materials

from Kuwait to Iraq came to a standstill.

Since then exports to Iraq resumed and there have been inquiries for large quantities of plywood and steel, but Burud said after quoting the price he received no response.

He said that two months ago Iraq placed an order for 100,000 sheets of teak face 4 mm thick plywood. Forty thousand sheets were delivered immediately.

### Dealers

Orders like this have prompted dealers to order large quantities from Singapore and Indonesia. Two hundred and fifty thousand sheets of plywood arrived on Monday at the Shuaikh Port but dealers cannot rely on the Iraqis to buy them. The local market can absorb the supply but it will take time, dealers say.

The suppliers are maintaining the price of 4 mm thick plywood at \$3.85. But the dollar gained 15 fils against the Kuwaiti dinar over the past few months which means that a dealer who used to get sheet of plywood for K.D. 1.170 now gets it for K.D. 1.230.

The price includes landing, banking, insurance, customs and transport charges. The plywood is now sold on the local market for

KD 1.230, while the price for Iraqi customers is KD 1.300.

Kuwait's dealers have substantially reduced imports of steel from Qatar and Saudi Arabia, the major suppliers, as they faced difficulties in selling their stocks.

Kuwait had an inquiry from Iraq for more than 100,000 tons of steel, but after dealers quoted the price which included a nominal profit margin there was no response, said Burud.

He found out that Qatar's steel manufacturers received the same inquiry.

Kuwait's dealers have imported steel expecting a rising demand from Iraq which did not materialise.

### Dropped

Kuwait's dealers have 15,000 tons of steel worth KD 3 million in their warehouses. Their monthly sales of steel dropped from 3,000 tons in June to 1,000 to 2,000 tons in September.

Burud said their sales were made at a nominal profit, but some dealers have been selling steel below cost prices.

Qatar's steel exports to Kuwait dropped from 10,000 tons three months ago to the current 3,000 tons.

"Qatar was ready to supply us with 20,000 tons of steel in November, but we had to turn down the offer because of uncertain market conditions," said Burud.

Profits on steel sales are marginal, said Burud. The company makes a profit upto KD 3 per cubic metre of wood, but sales of softwood have been slow. Al Sarraf has a stock of 15,000 tons of softwood ordered from the Soviet Union in anticipation of brisk trade with Iraq.

Ahmed Jammal of Shuaikh Trading Co. said dealing with building materials is a high risk, low profit business.

He said net profits ranged between 2 and 6 per cent.

He warned dealers against stocking up on building materials because of the fluctuating prices and because storage itself is expensive.

Burud said that since the beginning of this year the number of dealers in building materials increased as expectations of an end to the Gulf war rose. This lead to fierce competition on the market. The newcomers faced slow sales and began undercutting prices forcing larger companies to lower their prices.

## Coffee market confused by new quota deal

LONDON, Oct 4, (Reuter): A complex agreement to regulate world coffee supplies for the next 12 months by the International Coffee Organisation (ICO) left the trade confused about its impact on prices on Monday.

London Robusta coffee futures shot to seven-month highs of £1.235 (\$2,095) a tonne, but edged off this peak later.

"A lot of people are puzzled and finding it hard to work out the implications," said one London dealer in a comment on the weekend accord setting an export quota for the 1989 coffee year starting now.

The ICO's group of 50 producer and 24 consumer nations.

Dealers said they thought the accord may offer only limited support to the oversupplied market because there are no provisions for cuts in the ICO quota until January 1989.

The ICO set a global export quota from October 1 of 56 million (60 kilo) bags. This cannot be reduced in the October/December first quarter of the coffee year.

If the market should fall before January there is no safety net some experts said.

## World Business Summary

### Soviet newspaper admits nation hit by inflation

MOSCOW, Oct 4, (Reuter): A Soviet newspaper on Thursday released figures which give the lie to the official line that prices of basic commodities have been stable for decades in the Soviet Union. In a new twist to a long-running debate over price reform set for the early 1990s, Trud said a parliamentary commission found price of staples like bread, potatoes and other vegetables rose by up to 18 per cent in the last two years. "Price rises were responsible for 60 per cent of the entire increase in trade turnover in 1986 and 1987," the Trade Union newspaper said. Trud also made clear prices had been rising for much longer a fact apparent to most Soviet citizens but long denied by official statistics which masked many rises simply by reclassifying products as they became more expensive. "Today's trouble is worth just 42 kopecks compared with the trouble of 1960," the newspaper said. However, Trud did not give enough details to allow reliable calculation of an annual Soviet rate of inflation. Although the prices of staples in the Soviet Union are still far lower than the West, so too are wages, with figures released last month showing the average Russian family spends as much as 59 per cent of its income on food. Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev has warned the population to expect increases in the price of staples at the start of the 1990s as a necessary part of an overhaul of the centrally-planned Soviet economy. Radical economists have said state price subsidies should be ended, arguing they distort the economy and take no account of consumer demand. Some of these products are in such short supply in state shops that people are often forced to go to cooperative enterprises or markets where they can cost double or triple the official prices. However, many newspaper articles and letters have suggested the reform will be unpopular, expressing fears it is bound to cut living standards.

## Gulf airlines buy into Heathrow catering firm

BAHRAIN, Oct 4, (Reuter): Three Gulf airlines signed an agreement today with the US Marriott Corporation to buy 50 per cent of its catering service at London's Heathrow Airport. The new company, Marriott-GCC (Gulf Co-operation Council) will introduce a new kitchen at Heathrow to provide food according to Muslim halal rules. Saudi Arabia's Sandia, Kuwait Airways and Bahrain-based Gulf Air, owned by Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the emirate of Abu Dhabi, set up a holding company last year, GCC Aviation Services Co Ltd, for joint investment projects. This is their first venture. Marriott is personally very proud of this association," Daniel Altobello, president of Marriott's Airport Operations, told reporters at a signing ceremony. He refused to give the sale price but industry sources said Marriott's operation at Heathrow was worth around \$2 million (\$15 million). Marriott, which has about 100 airport outlets worldwide, caters to nine airlines at Heathrow and officials hope the Islamic kitchen will attract Muslim carriers. "Some Muslim airlines carry their own food to and from London. Now they can take food from our new Islamic kitchen," a Gulf Air official said. Some 21 airlines from Arab and Muslim states spend about \$24 million on catering at Heathrow every year, including \$8.4 million by three Gulf carriers, officials said. Officials said the Gulf airlines were considering similar projects with Marriott at other airports in Europe and the Far East.

## Philippine minister calls for debt rescheduling, forgiveness

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 4, (AP): The Philippine foreign minister yesterday called on Northern creditor nations to reschedule and forgive Third World debt and branded the United States a "hegemonic power" that could ease the debt crisis but has not done so. Raul S. Manglapus, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, devoted his entire speech to the General Assembly to condemnation of the economic policies of the industrialised North for supposedly perpetuating and increasing the debt of the developing world in the South. "It is valuable to reschedule debt," he said. "But it is even more precious and human to forgive debt." He proposed an international debt and development commission—a new, 5-year agency to evaluate alternative plans for global debt management. Its staff would be drawn from other global financial agencies and the Philippine envoy proposed it devise concrete actions to rectify inequities in the global trading system. The commission, he said, would develop standards for debt relief or debt forgiveness and propose them to the United Nations for approval, proclamation and execution. Manglapus blamed the poverty of the Philippines on ruthless Northern creditor nations, gullible developing nations in the South and the dictatorship of former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos. "There is one hegemonic power today that could crack the whip, the United States of America," he said. "But the crisis is enormous and there are rising economic powers with which the enforcer must coordinate if order and resolution are to be reached. This is not happening," he said. Manglapus made no reference to specific foreign policy questions, like US military bases in the Philippines, or to domestic issues. The debt crisis, he said, is a problem not only for the debtor. "It is a problem for the creditor, a problem for the world. Therefore, the solution cannot be sectoral. It must be total. If it cannot be regional, it must be global."

## IMF approach to developing countries

# Indian minister calls for more flexibility

Chavan regretted that there had been no allocation of the Special Drawing Rights (SDR) since 1981. He strongly supported the recommendations made in a recently published study by IMF staff calling for substantial reallocation of the SDRs.

Chavan maintained that to fulfil IMF's crucial role in the adjustment process, there was an urgent need to augment its resources substantially.

He urged an early completion of the ninth general review of quotas. The present quota calculations, he said, did not attach sufficient weight to the needs of members which make use of IMF resources.

### Growth

The finance minister demanded the quota share of developing countries be protected. He added that it was in the interest of both the developed and the developing worlds to co-operate in maintaining an environment conducive to growth and stability.

But the "over-reaction" to fears of inflation, which was moderate in the West, could result in serious consequences, he

said. Growth could get inhibited with harmful effects on trade. Moreover, rise in interest rates would raise the cost of funds, and aggravate the debt problem, he added.

Six years into the Third World debt crisis, a range of proposed solutions are emerging which reach further than any previously submitted and break some of the old taboos, reports Reuter.

But officials of both developing and industrial countries believe the coming change of administration in Washington means that implementation will have to wait until next year.

Industrial nations took an important step on Saturday with agreement on ways to ease the debt burden of the poorest of the poor in Africa.

Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa had been expected to launch a new debt plan at this meeting. But the failing health of Emperor Hirohito prevented him from attending.

The African debt menu plan was launched at the Toronto Summit meeting of the leaders of

## Burma's economy in bad shape from strikes

BANGKOK, Oct 4, (Reuter): Burma's economy has been too badly damaged by weeks of anti-government strikes to resume even its previously moribund performance soon. Western diplomats said today.

Indiscriminate Army killings of civilians have dimmed chances the two-week old military leadership will get much help at home or abroad for recovery, the envoys interviewed by telephone said in Rangoon.

"They now have an economy that is not moving at all. Work in the countryside is going on but production of manufactured goods—which was at a low level

anyway—or of anything exportable will be very, very difficult," one Western envoy said.

Most workers of the tightly controlled state economy went back to work by the Monday deadline set by general Saw Maung's government, ending a general strike begun in August.

Television has shown extensive damage to factories and offices since the abortive national revolt against military-backed rule erupted in early August. Much equipment has been wrecked, warehouse stocks looted, and office files rifled.

Diplomats reported extensive damage to the timber and fisheries corporations and Ministry of Trade. Anti-government workers are believed to have done much of the damage, however, witnesses saw many cases of looting by soldiers.

"A lot of factories have been damaged, such as textile and pharmaceutical factories—there is no raw material to make medicines, biscuits, etc." an envoy said.

### Difficult

"They are not going to have any money really for purchasing things like replacement spare parts. If they can't do that and they are not getting aid then to get the economy moving at all is going to be very difficult."

Doctors, diplomats and dissidents said the Tatmadaw—people's defence forces—has killed more than 1,000 people, most of them innocent civilians including children and women.

Killings and other human rights abuses confirmed by the foreign diplomatic corps even before the Army ended peaceful demonstrations for democracy resulted in suspension of aid by Japan, the United States and West Germany.

The government had estimated a third of its capital spending for 1988-89 would be given by foreign donors.

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

## INTERBANK PRICING CHARTERS

**LONDON:** The Bank of England said its first tender of ECU Treasury bills for the British government next Tuesday will raise 900 million ECUs. (RTTA 1335)  
**LONDON:** The coupon on the 500 million dollar, four-year, equity warrant Eurobond for Kobe Steel Ltd Tokyo has been indicated at five per cent, lead manager Nomura International Ltd said. (RTXF 0848)  
**PARIS:** France's Caisse Nationale des Autoroutes has launched a one billion franc 15-year bond paying nine per cent and priced at par, lead manager Societe Generale and co-lead Credit du Nord said. (RTTN 1426)  
**LONDON:** Korekun Co Ltd is issuing a 100 million dollar equity warrant Eurobond due Nov 2, 1992 with an indicated coupon of five per cent and par pricing, lead manager Yamachii International (Europe) Ltd said. (RTXK 0922)  
**ZURICH:** Fujita Corp of Tokyo is launching a two-tranche 200 million Swiss franc convertible notes issue indicated at 1/2 per cent with par pricing, lead manager Credit Suisse said. (RTKH 0856)  
**ZURICH:** Taiko Kobe Bank Ltd is issuing 150 million franc in convertible notes and 150 million francs in a convertible bond with identical terms, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland said. (RTYQ 1037)

## Interest Rates

## Interest Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS	
LDN	12-1/8 11-7/8	11-15/16 7/8	12-11-15/16	
FTT	4.75/85	4.95/5.05	5.15/25	
PAR	7-5/16 7/16	7-9/16 11/16	7-11/16 13/16	
ZUR	1-5/8 1-7/8	3-3/4-1/4	3-1/2 3-3/4	
BRO	5.95	7-1/8 3/16	7-5/16 3/8	
ROM	10-1/4 10-3/4	11-1/8 11-5/8	11-1/8 11-5/8	
AMS	4-50/75	5-37/50	5-52/62	
TOK	4.000 0625	4.3125 3750	4.3125 3750	
ECU	7.37 7.62	7.37 7.50	7.56 7.68	

KUWAIT, Oct 4, (KUNA): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday:

Period Bld Offered

1 month 7-1/16 7-3/8

3 months 6-3/4 7-1/8

6 months 6-5/8 7-1/16

1 year 6-7/2 6-15/16

## INTERBANK

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	76	76	74	NICO	--	645	655	
ACC	266	267	262	GRASIN	53.50	55	54	NUKAND	110	114	108
ASTA PAINT	195 195.75	195.75	195.75	GSPC	111	115	115	NOCL	730	710	740
BAJAJ AUTO	343.75	347.50	340	HIND LEVER	170	172	169	ORKAY	42	44.50	42
BAR. RAYON	320	340	330	HINDALCO	113	114	115	PFI	69	69	71
BOM. DYEING	137	138	135	HINDCOCA	113.75	120	117.50	PRE. AUTO	47.50	48.50	46
BSE INDEX	662.71	676.58	676.58	IMC ORG	41	41	42	RELIANCE	58	57.50	59
CENTURYSPC	1085	1150	1140	INDRAYAT	78	80	76.50	SIEMENS	92.50	88	86
COLGATE	295.50	290	290	INDROL	246.25	247.50	242.50	SPIC	54.50	55	53
DEEPAKFERT	49.50	50	48	ITC	55	55	58	STDMILLS	350	335	345
EI. HOTEL	55	60	55	JKSYNTN	84.50	85.50	84	TATA PAR	270	310	300
ESKAIEF	147.50	150	147.50	L AND T	136	137.50	134.	TATACHEM	99	105	100
ESSAR	23	22.50	23	MAHINDRA	87	92	95.50	TELCO	745	750	747.50
GAR. POLY	94	96	95	MASTERSHR	12.12	12	12.35	TISCO	940	945	933.75
GE. SHIP	33.50	34	33.50	HATHER PL	73.75	80	80	VOLATAS	410	420	440

## FRANCE

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STOCK	LAST	PR-CLE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLE	MITSUB CP	1150	1100
AEG	184.0	186.5	AIJINOMOTO	2790	2780	MITSUB EST	2360	2290
ALLIANZ VR	1703.0	1686.0	AKAI ELEC	565	570	MITSUB HVY	1010	993
BADEMWERK	178.0	177.0	AKOI	944	944	MITSUI CO	905	875
BAFF	273.0	272.0	ASANI GLS	1920	1920	MITSUKOSHI	1860	1870
BAFER HYP	363.0	361.5	ASANI OPT	621	626	MITSUMI EL	969	980
BAFER VER	361.0	358.5	BANK TOKYO	1530	1530	MITSUMI MC	1170	1170
BBC	315.0	314.9	BRIDGESTON	1220	1240	MITSUMI SEC	835	845
BHF	429.0	429.0	CANON	1370	1380	MITSU SEC	1650	1650
BHW	505.5	504.2	CASIO COMP	1390	1380	MIP ELEC	1920	1940
COMMERZBK	241.3	242.0	CHAGAI PIN	1520	1540	MIP KOKAN	800	782
CONTI GRUPP	254.0	252.4	CITIZEN W	830	839	MIP OIL	1140	1150
DAIMER BEN	695.5	692.0	D-ICHI KAN	2930	2930	MIP STEEL	805	795
DEUTSC BK	517.0	516.2	DAI NIP IK	850	858	MIP YUSEN	787	770
DLV	377.0	375.0	DAI NIP PT	2700	2710	MITS MOTOR	1230	1240
DRESDNER B	288.1	288.1	DAI NIP SC	970	950	MORURA SEC	3280	3220
DY BABCOCK	170.5	171.0	DAI NIP TO	610	638	OBIA CO	840	863
FAG INDEX	514.55	517.44	DAICEL	815	808	OCEANUS	1130	1130
FELDPALEN	279.8	281.5	DAIMA N	1960	1950	PENTA O&G	865	860
GOLDSCHEID	291.0	290.5	DAINA SEC	2160	2190	PIONEER	3210	3330
HARPER	424.0	428.0	EBRA MFG	881	920	REINMANN	895	899
HOECHST AG	296.0	295.0	EISAI	1930	1950	RICOH	1120	1150
HOESCH	156.9	156.0	FUJITSU	1630	1660	SAMKO	1950	1960
HORTEN	213.0	211.0	FUJI BANK	3100	3120	SANTOY	692	695
HUSSEL HLD	447.0	446.0	FUJI PHOTO	3210	3260	SEIYU ST	2060	2100
KALI SALZ	165.0	161.2	FUJISAWA	1710	1710	SEKISUI PR	1660	1680
KARTHOFF	447.0	445.5	FUJITA CP	714	716	SHARP	1060	1080
KLAUFHOF	394.0	392.0	HITACHI	1620	1610	SHISEIDO	1540	1550
KLOECK H	132.0	132.5	HONDA MOT	2090	2120	SONY	6250	6400
KLOECK M	107.1	107.2	ISETAN	2090	2120	SUMITOMO	1070	1040
LINDE	692.0	695.5	ITO YOKADO	3810	3850	TAISEI	1010	977
LUFTFRANSA	150.2	150.0	JAP SYN RU	1020	1030	TAISHO MRN	1100	1100
MAR	208.5	205.0	JAPAN AIR	13300	13000	TAKEDA CH	2510	2520
MANNESMAN	170.0	171.0	JAPAN MET	609	610	TEIJIN	765	770
MERCEDES	568.0	569.0	KAJIMA	1570	1530	TKO NEW IX	129.78	125.78
METALLGES	300.5	294.0	KANSAI EL	3200	2960	TOKO MRN	1890	1900
MIXDORF PF	408.0	412.0	KAO SOAP	1670	1690	TOKYO ELEC	1060	1080
NORSE HYD	28.50	29.40	KANASAKI H	720	698	TOKYO GAS	1400	1320
PHILIP KON	623.0	624.0	KANASAKI S	905	889	TOKYO POWR	6100	5810
PORSCHE	566.0	566.0	KIRIN BREW	1770	1770	TOKY IND	828	830
PREUSSAG	179.0	179.0	KONATSU	820	807	TOSHIBA EL	1090	1090
PWA	235.0	234.0	KUBATO LTD	820	831	TOTO	1940	1890
RHEINMETAL	304.0	305.0	KYOCERA	5010	5080	TOYO KOGY	675	681
RME	229.8	230.0	KAITAKI EL	1470	1540	TOYOTA MOT	2540	2560
RME P	212.0	212.0	KARUI	2220	2270	YAMAHA	1290	1310
SALAMAND								

## Kuwait managed to keep inflation at 0.7pc in '87: ILO

GENEVA, Oct 4, (KUNA): The Arab Gulf countries are one of the world's big success stories when it comes to controlling inflation, according to a survey by the International Labour Organisation.

While most countries last year were subjected to renewed inflationary pressures, two Gulf states actually managed to maintain negative inflation rates.

In 1987 Bahrain and Saudi Arabia both registered a fall in their national price indexes, of -1.7 per cent, from -1.9 and -2.2 respectively the year before that.

Kuwait, the only other Gulf Co-opera-

tion Council state in the ILO survey, managed to keep inflation at just 0.7 per cent, compared with the 0.5 per cent achieved in 1986.

### Debt

The country with the best price record was Senegal, where the price index fell by 5.2 per cent, while the world's highest inflation was in Brazil, at 367 per cent, compared with 68 per cent in 1986.

Other states with negative inflation included the Central African Republic, at -3.6 per cent, Haiti with -4.1 per cent, Gabon at -2.5 per cent, Jordan at -1.8 per

cent and Holland at -0.2 per cent.

Nevertheless, the general trend worldwide in 1987 was of rising inflation, with 62 of the 102 countries surveyed showing overall price rises.

However, 38 managed lower rates, and in two cases, inflation levels were unchanged.

### Rebound

Many of the Latin American states, which had succeeded in sharply reducing inflation in 1986, saw prices rebound last year, in some cases doubling, or worse. Argentina, for example, went from 82 to

175 per cent.

One noticeable exception on the continent was Bolivia, which had 11 per cent inflation last year compared with the astronomical rate of 8,171 per cent in 1985.

Europe's highest inflation, of 170 per cent, was in Yugoslavia, followed by Poland at 30 per cent and Iceland at 24 per cent.

Many African countries saw prices rising between 20 and 30 per cent, while Somalia had one of the continent's worst records, at 41 per cent, the ILO study noted.

## Gold gains

## Dollar in narrow range, oil prices recover

LONDON, Oct 4. (Reuters): Crude oil prices fell as much as 40 cents a barrel early today, but later recovered to end the day unchanged to a few cents lower than Monday, traders said.

North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded crude, sold at fresh 26-month lows early today, with cargoes for lifting in November traded as low as \$11.40 a barrel.

Crude oil prices are at their lowest for two years and down \$2 in just over a week. Traders cited evidence of higher OPEC output in a market already in surplus.

### Production

"Saudi Arabia wants to abide by the production levels assigned to it under OPEC accords if the other members agree to return to their production levels," said a statement by the royal cabinet in Riyadh on Monday.

Traders said gains were likely to be short-lived, unless OPEC

took firm steps to curb excess production.

OPEC's average crude output in September was put at 20.6 million barrels per day (BPD) by the latest Reuter survey, 600,000 BPD above the 20 million estimated for August.

Towards the European close, Brent blend for prompt lifting was quoted five cents lower at \$11.60 a barrel.

The leading US grade, West Texas Intermediate (WTI), was unchanged at \$13.20, while the key Mideast grade, Dubai, was five cents down at \$9.60.

The dollar was hardly changed in European currency markets. Gold prices were firmer while Europe's stock exchanges generally ended a shade higher.

Wall Street stocks showed little change by New York's mid-day when the Dow Jones industrial average was up two points at 3,565 while RHM closed 1p down

at 378 after 369. FTSE 100 was up 5.6 to 1,808.2 at 1453 GMT after a day's low of 1,787.

Dealers said that, on balance, the earlier declines on the prospect of UK cash going overseas for the Pillsbury bid were overdone and prices recovered to reflect this.

Grand Met's planned £479 million rights issue, to help fund the Pillsbury bid, also dented market sentiment. Grand Met had been tipped to make an acquisition ever since it flagged the sale of its Inter Continental Hotels Group, which was sold for \$2.27 billion to Seibu Saison of Japan last week.

### Stake

Analysts said the bid for Pillsbury stands a good chance of success, adding that Grand Met's earnings for the year would be diluted only slightly if the deal went through.

The British government's request to the Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) to reduce its stake in British Petroleum to 9.9 per cent from the 21.6 per cent it currently holds over the next 12 months also hit market sentiment, dealers said.

The market is concerned about the volume of BP stock which could be released onto the market following Britain's decision. BP fell 2p to 235 on volume of over 14 million shares. Analysts said a large block of BP shares coming onto the market could be expected to trade significantly below the current price.

BP said it welcomed the British government decision, saying the prime issue was now the orderly disposal of the shares. The KIO said it was extremely dissatisfied with the way the UK Monopolies Commission reached its decision on Kuwait's stake.

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Rob's one-hour speech to the National Assembly covered economic and political goals the President will pursue during his present single five-year term, which ends in 1992.

The South Korean President made the points in a speech seeking parliamentary approval for a budget of \$27 billion, up 10.9 per cent from this year.

On the strength of the rising international reputation of the nation owing to the Seoul Olympics, as well as of our growing economic power, I am confident that I will be able to ensure that Korea can join the ranks of the

advanced members of the international community during my term of office," he said.

South Korea's exports are expected to grow from \$47.3 billion last year to \$90 billion in 1992, making it one of the 10 largest trading nations in the world, he said.

The rapidly increasing exports will stimulate the South Korean economy to grow at least 8 per cent a year, he said.

South Korea's GNP, estimated at \$118 billion last year and expected to reach \$145 billion this year, will further increase to \$250 billion in 1992, pushing the nation's per capita GNP to the \$6,000 mark, he said.

### Projection

GDP is a broad measurement of a country's total output of goods and services.

Owing to continuing trade and current account surpluses, South Korea, which has long been a debtor nation, will become a creditor nation in three years, he said.

South Korea's current

account surplus stood at \$9.78 billion last year and is expected to reach \$12 billion this year, according to government estimates.

Roh also said his government will be able to hold inflation to 7 per cent this year, 2 percentage points above the original projections and take actions to further liberalise imports for a more balanced trade with the United States and other countries.

While stressing the need for strengthened relations with the United States, Japan and the European Economic Community, which absorb 70 per cent of South Korea's exports, Roh said his country will also try to expand links with the Soviet Union and other communist nations.

He especially welcomed a recent statement by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev which indicated Moscow's willingness to broaden economic contact with South Korea. South Korea has trade links with China and trade offices with Hungary and Yugoslavia.

## Bank of France co-ordinates rescue of Al Saudi Banque

PARIS, Oct 4. (Reuters): The Bank of France has co-ordinated the rescue of a Paris-based bank which has Middle East connections, Al Saudi Banque SA, after it lost around two billion francs (\$315 million), the French Central Bank said today.

It said in a statement the two billion franc figure included loss from both private and country lending, but it gave no details.

The statement said the Saudi Arabian group Hariri, the main shareholder of Dutch-based Al Saudi Bank Holding NV which in turn had held a 99.9 per cent stake in the Paris bank, had injected funds into it, but did not give the amount.

### Funds

It said Banque Indosuez, a unit of Compagnie Financiere De Suez of France, also put in funds and would help manage Al Saudi Banque.

A banking source said Indosuez injected funds via Al Bank Al Saudi Al Frans, in which it has a 40-per-cent stake.

## Fogs clear but tough decisions remain in opening world trade

ISLAMABAD, Oct 4. (Reuters): Fogs were pretty much wrapped up, safeguards and tariffs looked all right, services made progress but trips remain tough issues and the chances of an "early harvest" on AG look bleak.

In the jargon of international trade talks, that adds up to so far so good. But if the goal of smashing down barriers to world trade is to be achieved, a lot of hard work lies ahead.

After three days of informal talks, ministers from 26 industrial and developing nations were optimistic they had cleared the way for big progress at a major trade ministers' conference in Montreal in December.

### Talks

Pakistan Finance Minister Matlabul Haq, chairman at the talks, was confident after they ended on Monday of a deal in Montreal on opening up world markets to a core list of tropical products from next year.

Lifting the veil on fogs — the functioning of the GATT system — he said there was wide consensus on how to ensure the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade does its job of regulating commerce better.

Ministers agreed that tariffs should be cut across the board by up to 30 per cent and the United States surprised delegates by suggesting

the abolition of all barriers to exports from the very poorest countries.

But the two major issues of AG — agriculture and trade related intellectual property safeguards, or trips, remain almost as far from resolution as ever, said ministers.

Reforming food support and export subsidies out of the world trade system is the US objective, but the European Economic Community appears equally determined to retain support for its farmers.

In the code language of GATT talks, proponents of an end to all subsidies talk of an "early harvest". Their opponents see Montreal as merely a "mid-term review" of the issues.

The gap was illustrated by the public pronouncements of the two main players — US Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter and the European Economic Community's trade negotiator, Willy de Clercq.

"It seems to us the Community is thinking small on the issue," said Yeutter. "The Community is contemplating minor changes that will make a modest contribution to long-term reform but we have in mind something far greater magnitude."

Brussels has made great efforts to adjust its massively expensive

system of farm support, said De Clercq, and should not be cast as the villain.

"If the US tries to force the issue we will be heading for trouble and I do not see any solution."

Ministers and officials said privately that Europe had walked into an ambush on its farm policy, and the 12-nation Community must now come up with something before Montreal.

Closing of positions between the United States and the 14-nation Cairns Group of Countries, led by Australia, had left the Community isolated, they said.

Yeutter said Washington was determined to stamp out piracy of intellectual property, such as illegal copying of music and video tapes and theft of industrial secrets.

Unlike many other issues in the current round of GATT negotiations, intellectual property arguments largely divide along North-South lines.

Developing nations acknowledge the need for action but say they have to be sure they do not hand multinational corporations permanent monopolies on technology and stifle their advancement, said one Asian delegate.

## Turkish inflation soars above 80pc

ANKARA, Oct 4. (Reuters): Turkey reported today that its inflation rate soared to an annual 81.8 per cent in September, prompting calls by bankers for speedy action to bring it under control.

The State Statistics Institute said retail prices rose 4.8 per cent last month, following increases of 3.4 per cent in August and 2.9 per cent in September last year.

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Richard Burton: philanderer

# Men who can't be faithful and... why

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and whether your father cheated on your mother.

A woman who grew up with a father who was unfaithful often chooses a man who will repeat this action.

Other clues to look for are that he is in the sort of job that offers opportunity for wandering; that he has close con-

tact with other women, either a secretary or a co-worker or even his wife's greatest friend; that he is the sort of man who never feels guilty about anything or that he just does not believe in monogamy.

Recent studies in the US show a staggering 60 to 70 per cent — about 35 million — of

all married men are having affairs.

So what is going wrong? How can a woman keep her man faithful?

Carol Botwin thinks she has found the answer in her new book, *Men Who Can't Be Faithful* — the product of heart-searching among 75 women whose

husbands thought the grass was greener on the other side. It looks set to make her the most sought-after woman in America once it is published.

Miss Botwin, who is happily married to a psychiatrist, says it is a wrenching study.



John F. Kennedy: womaniser



Fact and reality: the emperor's widow (right) and the empress portrayed in Bertolucci's film

## The last empress remembers

By Louise Branson, Peking

IN A DILAPIDATED BACKSTREET in Peking, a frail old woman sits alone in a cramped apartment under a portrait of Pu Yi, the last Chinese emperor, who ruled almost half the world's population before being overthrown by the turmoil of the early 20th century.

"Women I spoke to kept bringing up the issues of infidelity. I could see the pain on their faces."

"In my workshops for people who want to improve their relationships, I found distressed women grappling with husbands in affairs and with unfaithful boyfriends."

"And, as an advice columnist, with each new batch of mail that arrives, I am reminded again and again of the extent of male infidelity and the hell it puts women through."

Thousands are queuing to see *The Last Emperor*, the film that portrays the life and extraordinary times of her husband, who died in 1967. The Chinese have become fascinated with their pre-revolution past, enveloped for so long in a fog of Marxist revisionism.

Pu Yi is quietly satisfied by the attention being lavished on his memory. But she is dissatisfied with the accuracy of parts of Bernardo Bertolucci's film.

Her husband, she says, was impotent all his life. And she added that Mao Tse-tung, for all his egalitarian zeal, was so awed by the former emperor that he invited him to dinner at Zhongnanhai, China's Kremlin, when Pu Yi was released from prison in 1959.

Mao ordered Chou En-lai, the premier, to take personal responsibility for Pu Yi. The result was that Chou arranged for him to be transferred from transplanting seedlings in the

ers' club. He confided to her that his previous marriages were all arranged and were devoid of the love he had found with Li. "He told me that with me he found the warmth of a family which he had never known, growing up as a distant god revered by everyone around him," she said.

This account contrasts with those of outsiders, who said that Li was a shrew who nagged him mercilessly.

The interest felt by Mao, Chou and other leaders has now found an echo across China as people have become fascinated by the Bertolucci film. Chinese television is showing a rival account of his life, and criticism of *The Last Emperor* is plentiful.

But, beneath it all, the film appeals to a burgeoning interest in traditions that Mao unsuccessfully tried to stamp out. One of Li's most painful memories is of the time Mao's Red Guards ransacked her house during the Cultural Revolution in the late 1960s to remove anything that smacked of the "four olds": old ideas, old customs, old habits and old culture.

And as Pu Yi lay dying of cancer in hospital, the Red Guards forced his removal from a private room to a public ward, where painkilling injections ceased.

But Li said her husband had a humble attitude to the ruling communists. One of his most valuable possessions had been a photograph of himself and Mao taken at their dinner which showed them both grinning broadly. The photo, like so many of China's past, was destroyed during the Cultural Revolution.



Gary Hart: unfaithful

### The ABC of dental care

## Get your teeth into shape for a super smile

Your mouth isn't something to separate your nose from your chin. It is one of the most important parts of your body...used for eating, talking and looking good. So does yours do you justice?

### By Orisith Carmody

MENTION THE WORD dentist or toothache in a room full of people and the reaction among most of them will be the same. They shudder slightly, go a delicate shade of green and then, when they have recovered from the shock, begin to compare notes on how long it has been since they got their teeth checked!

It is strange the aversion we all have to taking care of our teeth, when they are actually among the most important equipment the body has.

Without them we couldn't break up the food we need to survive, we couldn't form words properly and our faces would be a lot less attractive than they are.

It isn't natural for teeth to decay and fall out towards middle age, as a lot of people think. Teeth are designed to last as long as you do!

It is only through neglect and eating the wrong foods that problems occur leading to fillings, caps and other dental work.

Caring properly for your teeth is a habit that has to be cultivated. It takes time and interest but the results are well worth the effort.



Imagine being able to say in that room of shuddering people, that the only thing your dentist does is compliment you on your healthy teeth. And he won't be the only one. Your beautiful smile will be noticed everywhere you go.

To understand why you should care for your teeth you have to understand exactly how teeth decay and other dental problems start. They are directly connected to your diet.

Sugar is the chief enemy of teeth. It causes an acid to form in the mouth which may only

take seconds to appear but takes at least 20 minutes to disappear. This acid attacks the enamel on the teeth causing them to decay.

Frequency of sugar intake causes problems rather than the total amount, as taking small sugary snacks continuously throughout the day keeps the teeth bathed in acid most of the time. This is especially harmful to children's teeth which are softer and more vulnerable than adults.

To improve the chances your teeth of surviving past middle age, you have to cut down on sugar in all its forms — not just the sugar you can physically see and which you put in your tea or on your cereal. Cakes, biscuits, sweets, jams, soft drinks and a lot of convenience foods contain far more sugar than you need.

If you find that you can't eat sweet foods altogether, try to contain your consumption of them to meal times. By doing this you are eating sweet things only once or twice a day and not throughout the day.

This applies to the children too. Instead of buying them sweets while at the shops let them look forward to a treat after their evening meal. And follow it with a piece of fruit or an instruction to clean their teeth.

### Care

Another way to care for your family's teeth is to cut down on the sugar you use while cooking. Most recipes suggest that you use a lot more sugar than you actually need. Where a recipe says eight ounces (200g), try using four for a change. In no time at all your palate will have adjusted to less sugar in everything you eat until it gets to the stage where you hate things that are sweet.

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In addition to your normal brush for just this reason.

Last thing at night is probably the best time to work on your teeth because you won't have a bus to catch or children to get off to school. One good cleaning a day is far better for your teeth than three superficial brushings.

Start off your new plan of action with a good hard look at your toothbrush. Squashed, splayed out bristles are useless when it comes to cleaning your teeth because you think you are doing the job when nothing is happening at all.

On the other hand if your brush is still in perfect condition after a year you are obviously not using it enough. Care, not force is what gets teeth clean!

Choose a brush that has bristles of several lengths — they are far better at reaching the different levels of your teeth which are not flat to start with. Nylon bristles with round heads are the type dentists recommend, not natural bristle which is inclined to be too soft.

Choose medium bristles, if they are too hard you can scratch the gum but if they are too soft, not enough plaque will be removed. Make sure that the head of the brush is not too large for your mouth or it will not reach the awkward corners. A tiny interspace brush is useful

works in this way for about a week, buy some plaque revealing tablets to test how well you are doing. These are harmless temporary dyes which stain the plaque so that you can see exactly where it is.

If you use them several times a month you will be able to see how you are improving your brushing technique.

Plaque is made up of bacteria which builds up on the teeth, particularly around the gum margin. These bacteria find the warm wet conditions of the mouth ideal for prolific growth.

It is recognised by a furry feeling on the teeth, most noticeable early in the morning. Incidentally, bacteria can grow on the tongue as well as on the teeth so it too could benefit from a stimulating brushing every now and then. If bacteria is not removed it causes tooth decay or gum disease.

If the bacteria in plaque is left on the teeth for any time it reacts with any food eaten to form the harmful acid that destroys tooth enamel. Gum disease is caused in a similar way.

If plaque on the teeth it will harden or calcify, penetrating the gum, causing inflammation and bleeding and even causing the gum to recede in some cases.

The first symptoms of gum disease are a slight reddening of the gums and bleeding when you brush your teeth or bite something hard. Eventually the bone structure that holds the teeth in the jaw is affected causing teeth to fall out.

Eating the right food and cleaning your teeth properly are two of the three ways to ensure that your teeth remain bright, gleaming and your own until you are 95. The third way is the twice-yearly visit to the dentist. It is necessary if you want to catch small cavities in time to prevent them from growing into fully-fledged jaw-breaking toothaches.

Make an appointment now to visit your dentist and while you are there tell him to contact you in six months' time to remind you when your next visit is due!

## Exercising female bones

### By David Lindley

FOR elderly but otherwise healthy women, the fragility of their bones is a constant and sometimes life-threatening danger.

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loses much of its ability to counteract gradual bone loss, which continues as before.

This phenomenon, osteoporosis, is signalled by a general deterioration and greater fragility of the bones.

Hard exercise and a low-fat high-fibre diet both tend to reduce oestrogen levels, and can lead to menstrual irregularity. As an extreme example, some female marathon runners suffer from amenorrhoea.

The teenage gymnasts who dominate the Olympics often begin menstruating late, and are irregular once they start.

But marathon runners and teenage gymnasts are hardly a large or representative sample of women. A study conducted by Dr Tom Lloyd and Dr James Buchanan of Pennsylvania State University, published in the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, set out to look for relationships between diet, exercise, oestrogen level (as measured by menstrual regularity) and bone density in young women.

After the menopause the oestrogen level falls, and the body

not exercise with college athletes who ran, cycled or took aerobic classes regularly. For both athletes and non-athletes in their teens, those who missed one third or more of their periods had measurably lower bone density.

In previous research, Lloyd, Buchanan and others found that bone density is highest in women before they reach 20, and begins to fall off afterwards, so girls who are irregular in their teens are more likely to suffer from osteoporosis much later on in life.

Among athletic women, the picture is not yet clear. For those who menstruate regularly, exercise is a benefit, and the athletes had a higher bone density. But a woman who exercises enough to cause menstrual irregularity usually has lower bone density than someone who does not exercise.

The amount of exercise that triggers menstrual irregularity varies enormously. In a group of 10 women who run 20 miles a week, two might become irregular, but another two might be capable of running 100 miles with no problems.

The influence of diet adds further complications. For reasons not understood, dietary fibre tends to reduce the oestrogen level, while fat raises it. A high-fibre, low-fat diet is undoubtedly good for helping to prevent heart disease and breast cancer, but may be bad for one's bones.

Lloyd and Buchanan are continuing their study, hoping to find ways of determining a sensible and healthy combination of diet and exercise. From the results they have now, Lloyd says that swimming looks like a good choice, because it develops bodily strength but, unlike long-distance running, encourages a sensible proportion of body fat, which is good for the oestrogen balance.

Lloyd also emphasizes that women older than 20 should not be discouraged into thinking the course of their old age is already fixed.



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## SPORTS

Saints edge  
Cowboys in  
final seconds

NEW ORLEANS, Oct 4. (AP): Morten Andersen's 49-yard field goal as time ran out last night gave the New Orleans Saints a 20-17 victory over the Dallas Cowboys.

Andersen's winning kick came after Dallas' Roger Ruzek — who earlier had missed a 39-yard field goal that hit the goal post — connected from 39-yards out with 24 seconds to go to tie it 17-17. The Cowboys went 43 yards on eight plays to set up the kick.

But Saint Mel Gray returned the ensuing kickoff 39 yards to his 42. Bobby Hebert hit Brett Perriman with a 26-yard pass to the 32nd yardline, setting up Andersen's kick.

## Field

Hebert threw two early touchdown passes and Andersen kicked a 27-yard third-quarter field goal for the Saints, only to see Steve Peltier and Herschel Walker lead Dallas back.

The win, the fourth straight after an opening game loss for New Orleans, was only its second ever in 13 meetings with Dallas and its first since Oct 17, 1971. It moved the Saints into a three-way tie for first in the National Football Conference West, with San Francisco and the Los Angeles Rams.

CELTIC TAKE ON HONVED BUDAPEST AT HOME

## Real set to reach second round

MADRID, Oct 4. (Reuters): Real Madrid, recovering the form which made them the most feared team in Europe a year ago, have the perfect opportunity to add to their growing confidence tomorrow when they meet Norwegian champions Moss in a European Cup first round second leg tie.

On a night of 49 ties in the three European club soccer competitions, the Spanish champions' trip to northern Europe is hardly the most spectacular match in prospect as they travel to Scandinavia armed with a 3-0 advantage from the first leg in Spain two weeks ago.

## Given

But, in the absence of holders PSV Eindhoven of the Netherlands who were given a first round bye, and Italian champions AC Milan, who play on Thursday, it is one of the most significant as the star-studded Spanish team embark on their familiar bid for a record seventh Champions' Cup triumph.

A month ago, at the start of the Spanish League campaign, Real appeared to be struggling following the mid-summer arrival of West German midfielder Bernd Schuster from rivals Barcelona ... and doubts began to creep in about the overall quality of the team.

Real and Milan are likely to be



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joined by the 1986 Champions' Cup winners Steaua Bucharest, who start their second leg tie against Sparta Prague in Romania with a 5-1 advantage, and 1987 winners Porto of Portugal, who travel to HJK Helsinki with a 3-0 lead.

Further evidence of Eastern Europe's growing soccer strength, following the Soviet Union's success in the Olympic tournament, is likely to be offered by Spartak Moscow, Gornik Honved Budapest are likely to find it more difficult to follow their East European neighbours into the second round, however, as they will be involved in one of the most competitive ties of the

night at Glasgow Celtic.

Celtic, European Cup winners in 1967, trail 1-0 from the first leg and are struggling for form, but always rise to the big European occasions at Celtic Park.

The Scottish champions will include 36-year-old former international Alan Rough in goal but will be without injured midfielder Tommy Burns.

In the Cup Winners' Cup, holders Mechelen of Belgium, having trounced Begegn of Luxembourg 8-1 on aggregate, are already awaiting the second round draw.

## Defending

Johan Cruyff's Barcelona, 2-0 up against Fram Reykjavik of Iceland and playing well in the Spanish League, should join them together with Belgium's Anderlecht, 3-1 up against Metz of France and East Germany's Karl Zeiss Jena, defending a 5-0 advantage against Krems in Austria.

In the UEFA Cup, the most exciting tie could be in Amsterdam where struggling Ajax attempt to recover a 4-2 deficit against Sporting Lisbon.

Argentine World Cup-winning captain Diego Maradona's Napoli do not play until Thursday when visit Paok Salonika in Greece to defend a 1-0 first leg lead.

## Four Europeans seeded in world matchplay

LONDON, Oct 4. (Reuters):

Europe's leading four players were named as the seeds and given first round byes when the draw was made today for the 25th World Matchplay Golf Championship beginning at Wentworth on Thursday.

Defending champion Ian Woosnam of Britain, British Open champion Seve Ballesteros of Spain, US Masters champion Sandy Lyle and 1987 British Open champion Nick Faldo, were seeded 1-4 and will not have to play their opening matches until Friday.

Woosnam's opponent will be the winner of Thursday's 36 hole first round clash between US PGA champion Jeff Sluman and unheralded Japanese Nobuo Serizawa.

Mark McCumber of the United States, the US Tournament Players champion, will

## Werbeniuk may have to quit

LONDON, Oct 4. (Reuters):

Canadian Bill Werbeniuk may be forced to retire from top-level snooker for his use of a banned beta-blocker without which he says he cannot play.

Werbeniuk, 41, was fined £2,000 at the weekend by the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA)

face European Tour stalwart Mark McNulty of Zimbabwe on Thursday for the dubious privilege of tangling with Ballesteros in Friday's quarterfinals.

Nick Price of Zimbabwe, who ran Ballesteros so close in the British Open at Royal Lytham in July, will face Australian Rodger Davis with the winner going through to play Lyle.

## The full draw:

Bye — Ian Woosnam (Britain). Jeff Sluman (US) v Nobuo Serizawa (Japan).

Bye — Nick Faldo (Britain). Sandy Lyle (Britain). Nick Price (Zimbabwe) v Rodger Davis (Australia).

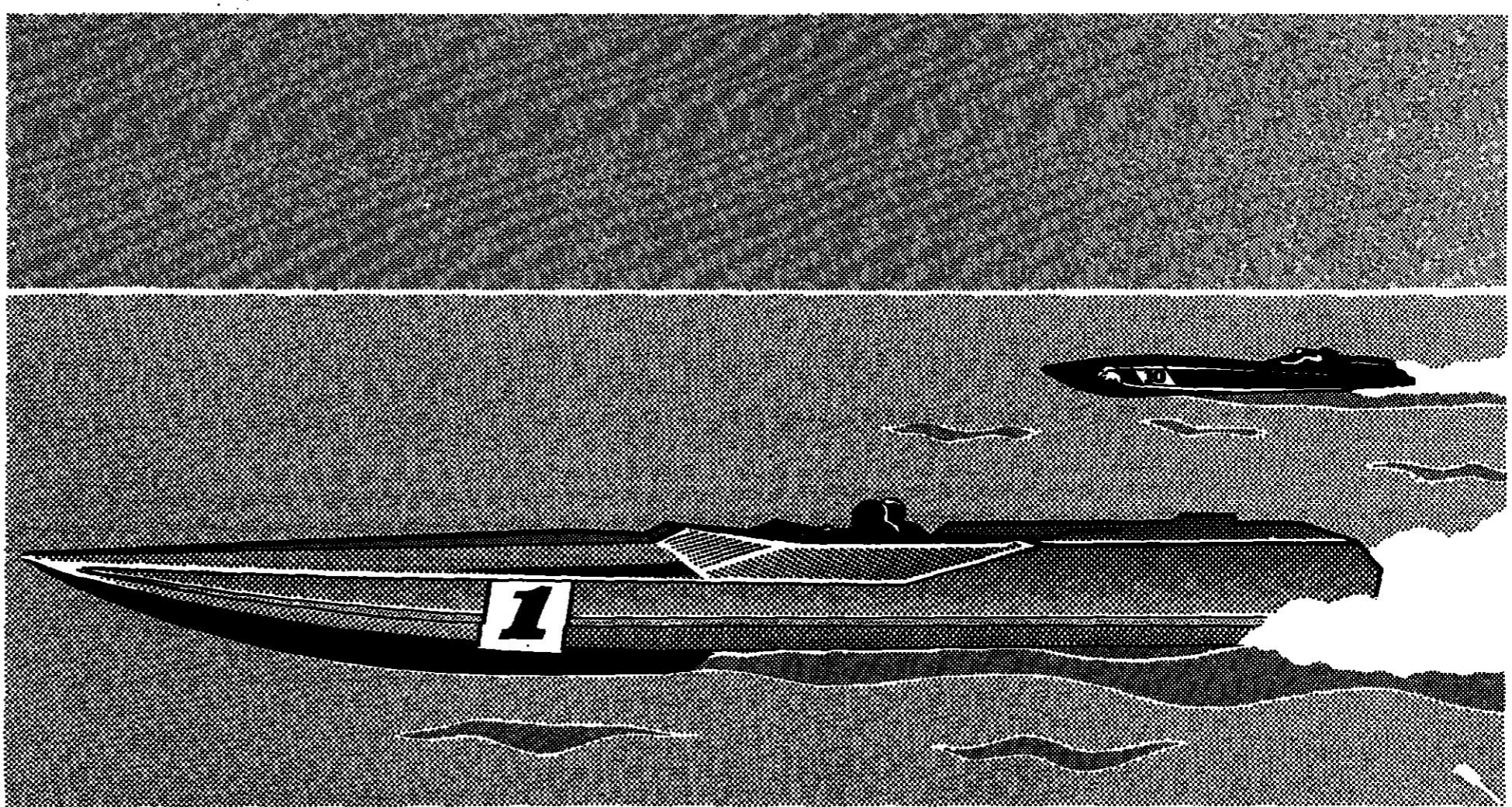
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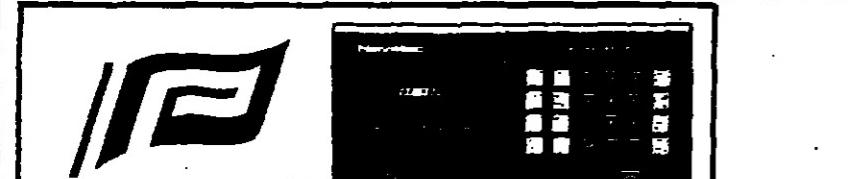
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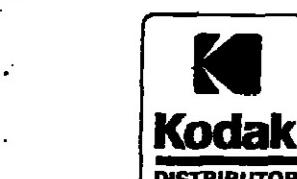
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## LOCAL CRICKET

Haider takes Galaxy past Casuals

A DEPLETED Casuals team, missing seven regulars, were heavily beaten by Galaxy crackers in the first round of the Pat Keely Cup at Ahmadi on Thursday.

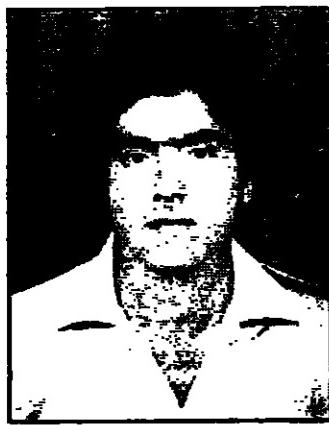
Galaxy batted first and initially found the going tough against the pace of Anderson who began with three overs for just two runs. Openers Rana (47) and Raza (39) struggled against Snowden's variation and were fortunate on several occasions.

## Changes

It seemed Casuals could make a match of it until they were forced to bowing changes. Opening bat Wells (2 for 65) was surprised to be called for his first ever spell for Casuals and had to watch Haider (71 no) lash out at his efforts. The Galaxy score raced away at this point and even the recall of the opening bowlers could not stem the tide. Galaxy amassed 198 runs in their allotted overs.

In reply, Casuals suffered an early setback as Tufball (1) went in the first over. With Snowden unwell, Casuals were already through to their tail. Wells (25) tried to attack and Hodgson (25) weighed in with a typically useful contribution, but Casuals did not have the weight of batting to worry the opposition. Qamar (3 for 23) and Waheed (2 for 9) with Riaz (2 for 7) managed to keep Casuals down to 98 for 8.

## QMCC edge Royal for final



Rana: scored 65

QUAID-E-MILLAT Cricket Club moved into the final of the Millat Trophy with a 11-run victory over Royal Club at the Airport ground on Friday.

QMCC, batting first, were able to score 168 for the loss of seven wickets in the 25 allotted overs. Asif Rana was in terrific form hammering five boundaries in his 85 while Raza hit 24.

For Royal, Maqsood bowled extremely well to take four wickets.

## Accurate

In reply, Royal found things not to their liking as they ran into accurate bowling from the QMCC bowlers and could manage only 157 runs for the loss of nine wickets before their overs ran out.

Sajjad was the top scorer with 44 and he got some good support from Qayum who hit 35.

Ishfaq was the main wicket-taker with four scalps while Rana, Haider, Jamil and Ansar got a wicket each.

CURREN OVERCOMES RENEBERG

## Pernfors crushes Muller



Curren: had a difficult game

## Tourists' last 3-day match drawn

## Saeed hits Aussies for ton

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Oct 4, (Reuter): Australia's last three-day match of their Pakistan tour ended in a listless draw against a North West Frontier Province Governor's XI today.

The tourists, who also drew the previous two three-day games, were frustrated by the local side's young left-hand middle-order batsman Saeed Anwar who hit a sparkling 127 on the final day.

## Agreed

The game ended an hour before the planned close with the Governor's XI 343 for seven in reply to Australia's first innings of 472 for eight declared. The captains agreed to forego the final 20 overs.

When the Governor's XI resumed at 115 for three, needing

208 to avoid a follow-on, the visitors were clearly hoping to wrap up the innings and gain more practice for Friday's third and final Test at Lahore which they must win to square the series.

But Saeed, who hit 23 fours, made the Australians toil hard on a heartless pitch for scant reward.

He found a willing ally in Anil Dalpat (51) and the pair put on 121 for the fifth wicket at a run a minute.

Craig McDermott was the best of Australian bowlers with three for 126 from 26 overs.

## Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings 472 for eight declared (G. Marsh 106, P. Taylor 83, G. Wood 70, D. Boon 65, B. Jones 60)

GOVERNOR'S XI first innings (overnight 115 for three)

Babar Zaman c Marsh b McDermott	9
Basit Ali b McDermott	39
Zahoor Elahi b/w Waugh	19
Shaukat Mirza run out	38
Saeed Anwar c Veletta b Sleep	127
Anil Dalpat b McDermott	51
Iqbal Sikander not out	28
Zakir Khan c Wood b Sleep	0
Masood Anwar not out	22
Extras (nb-14 b-1 B-4)	19
Total (for seven wickets)	343

Fall of wickets: 1-12 2-42 3-75 4-145

5-266 6-307 7-307

Did not bat: Ejaz Afzal, Farrokh Zaman.

Bowling: McDermott 26-5-126-3, Waugh 15-4-51-1, Taylor 24-7-62-4, Sleep 15-1-78-2, Jones 9-3-21-0.

Result: match drawn.

## BAAB backs Christie over drug test

LONDON, Oct 4, (Reuter): Britain's 100 metres silver medalist Linford Christie was given the total support of the British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) today over his "so-called positive drug test" during the Seoul Olympics.

"We fully accept the statement made by Christie, accepted finally by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) medical committee and subsequently by the full international committee," a BAAB statement said, adding it gave the athlete "its 100 per cent backing."

"I didn't take anything," Johnson said.

A Stern spokeswoman said the magazine had not paid Johnson for interview. She said Johnson at first agreed to an exclusive interview then changed his mind in favour of giving his story to Canadian public (in the Toronto Sun newspaper).

Johnson said that after the drugs test he felt "like I got smacked in the head. Totally in shock when I found out. But it really hurt me when mom cried on the flight home."

early on (in my career) from being an aggressive player. In the last couple of weeks I've tried to rekindle that."

Berger rallied from a 1-4 deficit in the first set to tie Grabb, but Grabb won the tiebreaker.

Curren struggled against Renberg, a fellow Texan.

"I felt like I was in control the first set, but he took all the momentum away in the second," Curren said afterward. "I was lucky to get back in there."

"He kept me off balance."

After Curren took a 2-1 lead in the third set, Renberg tied it four times but was unable to move ahead.

In another match, No. 8 seed Derrick Rostagno rolled past Brad Pearce 6-3, 6-4.

In other matches, Piet Aldrich got by Patrick McEnroe, the youngest brother of John McEnroe, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; Pete Sampras advanced by downing Jim Courier, 6-3, 6-1, David Pete defeated Jaime Yzaga, 6-1, 6-3, and Tobias Santesson fended off Todd Witschen, 7-6 (7-2), 6-4.

First round singles play was to continue today with top seed Brad Gilbert facing Glenn Layendecker.

Doubles play was also to open today.



Bushnaq: fought back for victory

## Bushnaq tames Ali for quarterfinals

SALEH BUSHNAQ reached the quarterfinals of 3rd Tennis Open, being organised by the Ministry of Electricity and Water at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel, on Monday evening.

Bushnaq fought back after losing the first set 3-6 to Mohamed Ali in the men's singles to win the other two 6-3, 6-2 and reach the last eight.

Bushnaq joined Waleed Al Bannai, Khalid Hussein Rashid, Khalid Ashkanani, Fareed Al Awadi, Bassam Al Hajri, Hashim Fairoz and Aiman Al Ashwak in the quarterfinals.

## Contrasting

Khalid Hussein Rashid got a walkover but the others scored contrasting victories. Bassam had to fight hard in his 4-6, 6-6, 6-4 victory over Glen Kawl Shaw. Fareed Al Awadi thrashed Yousef Al Shamlan 6-2, 6-0. Hashim Fairoz overcame Subhi Al Gharrably 6-1, 3-6, 7-6. Aiman Al Aswak blasted Hassan Gobani 6-0, 6-0 and Waleed Al Bannai outplayed Hamad Al Mohanna 6-4, 6-1.

Hussein Al Ashwak qualified for the final of the under-12 group with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Fahad Al Ibrahim. Hussein's opponent will be Michael Khatib who overcame Khalid Jamal Al Gharrably 6-2, 7-6.

Waleed Al Bannai, who reached the men's singles quarterfinals, has also qualified for the under-18 singles final along with Aiman Al Aswak.

In the ladies singles Alia Al Moataz brushed aside Shareefa Al Humaidi 6-0, 6-2. Afaf Kayid round Gada Barakat 6-0, 6-0 and Dr Joe Candy was awarded a

## WBC plans

MEXICO CITY, Oct 4, (Reuter): The World Boxing Council (WBC) said yesterday it plans to organise a Latin American protest over what it claims was flagrant discrimination against the region's boxers during the Seoul Olympics.

A statement from the council, which sanctions only professional fights, said representatives from Latin America's boxing federations will meet in Mexico City at the end of the month to discuss a possible protest among other issues.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Paul Davis

LONDON, Oct 4, (UPI): The English Football Association today declined to reveal its decision on whether to bar Arsenal midfielder Paul Davis from England selection in the wake of his League ban for punching an opponent.

## Women's tennis

NEW ORLEANS, Oct 4, (Reuter): Susan Sloane eliminated her best friend Halle Ciolfi from the \$250,000 New Orleans women's tennis tournament yesterday and Monica Seles of Yugoslavia, playing in just her third tournament, also won a first-round battle of teenagers.

## Agassi withdraws

BASLE, Switzerland, Oct 4, (Reuter): Top seeded American Andre Agassi has withdrawn from the Basle Grand Prix tennis tournament which started today due to injury.

## World champion

OSLO, Oct 4, (UPI): World 10,000 metres champion Ingrid Kristiansen, who dropped out after 2,400 metres of the Olympic 10,000 with a foot injury, had to abort an ectopic pregnancy just seven weeks before the Seoul Games. Norwegian newspaper Verdens Gang reported yesterday.

## Zambians honoured

LUSAKA, Zambia, Oct 4, (AP): President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia today bestowed national honours on competitors and officials who recently returned from the Olympic Games in Seoul.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

## The Institute of Management &amp; Technical Studies

announces the commencement of the admissions for the following management and technical courses:

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## Unity score 7-run win over Union



Sher Afzal: unbeaten 79



Arshad Shams: four sixes

UNITY CRICKETERS struggled to score a 7-run victory over Union Cricket Club in a Malhotra Trophy match at the New Ground on Friday morning.

Batting first, Unity scored 168 for the loss of six wickets in 28 overs. Ejaz was the top scorer with 75 while Dawood hit 24, Rafiq 25 and Denzel 15.

For Union, Irshad and Jamil were the main wicket-takers with two wickets each for 23 and 29 runs respectively.

In reply, Union were only able to score 140 for the loss of seven wickets in 25 overs before the match was stopped. As Unity had scored 147 at the same stage in their innings, they were declared winners by seven runs.

Shehzad Senior was the highest scorer for Union with 47 while Abid hit 38, Saeed 17 and Mehboob 16. Dawood took three wickets for 23 while Rafiq Butt got two for 18.

There were three other matches held on the same day. In the first, KIFCO thrashed Morning

Falcon-Kokan match. Kokan, batting first, scored 173 in 30 overs. Javed Kaloo hit 41, Ibrahim 32, Majid 29 and Zakaria 18. Mushtaq took five wickets for 34. Amin got two for 18 and Tariq two for 23.

Sher Afzal, with an unbeaten 79, and Zahid Butt (64) found the going easy and took Falcon past the victory target in 20 overs. Amin remained unbeaten on 32.

In the last match, Bright Stars ran up a total of 211 for the loss of only six wickets in 28 overs. Zulqarnain hammered 74 with the help of seven fours and two sixes while Mohammed Ali scored 24, Robin 26, Asham 20 and Arun 15.

Tough

Sohail took two wickets for 40 and Shehzad two for 38.

Starline found the going tough and could only manage to score 179 for five. Arifhit 51, Maqsood 26, Ilyas 23 and Zagar an unbeaten 27. Robin took three wickets for 31 while Ahmed got two for 41.